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CONVICTS BREAK OUT OF VICTORIA GAOL.

**TWO OLD LAGS
AT LARGE.**

EYE-WITNESS'S STORY.

Two long-term convicts, naked except for trousers, made a sensational escape from Victoria Gaol during a heavy rainstorm this morning, the feature of the get-away lying in the fact that the prison authorities first learned of it through a police report.

A hot chase was set up by a pedestrian who saw them sliding down a rope into Chancery Lane, but their greater freedom of movement enabled them to elude their pursuer.

A ladder was used inside the gaol to enable them to reach the top of the wall, but it is stated that no suspicion would have been aroused if the convicts had been seen with the ladder as that was connected with their duties.

Manner of Escape.

At the foot of the wall shutting off Chancery Lane is an alley-way, enclosed by a set of railings. To span the intervening space, the ladder not being long enough, the convicts, who worked in concert, placed one end of the ladder atop of the railings and the other end on the top of the wall, and found that they could negotiate the gap, although at a precarious angle of 45 degrees.

Reaching the top of the wall, it became an easy matter to get into Chancery Lane. What ensued is best described in the words of Mr. P. Y. Lo, well-known as the business manager of the Bank of China, Queen's Road Central, who came upon the convicts at a moment when they were slithering down a rope in the final stage of the get-away.

"Saw Rope."

Mr. Lo said: "I was walking down into town from my residence, this morning at about five minutes to nine when I came down the Old Bailey to turn into Chancery Lane. It was raining and there were only two or three other people besides myself on the roadway at the time."

"As I turned into Chancery Lane, and when I was yards from the wall of the Prison, I saw a rope coming over the wall. It was about two inches in thickness and it fell short of the ground by about two feet."

"At the same time, to the accompaniment of broken glass dropping to the ground, I saw two men appear over the wall and quickly climb down the rope, one after the other."

"They had no jackets on, but each wore a pair of shorts. My first impression was that they were masons engaged on some work in the gaol. Not until I saw the broad red arrow on their trousers did I realise that they were convicts in the act of making their escape."

"Both men on regaining their feet, made for Old Bailey Street and ran down it. I gave chase, but found myself much encumbered by the raincoat I was wearing."

Pursuer Eluded.

"The shorter of the two men to whom I gave my special attention, ran into Staunton Street. He had had too much of a start, and I gave him up to go after his fellow."

"This second man ran on until he reached Hollywood Road, and disappeared from my view after he turned the angle of the junction. I looked for him in vain amongst a large crowd in Hollywood Road."

"It then thought that it would be useless for me to look for him further. It appeared to me that everything was to be gained by reporting the matter as soon as I could to the Police who doubtless would have a motor-cycle or some swift means of locating the fugitives at their disposal."

Shorts Discarded.

"To the Central Police Station I then proceeded, and reported what I saw to the Officer in charge. Thereafter I left the case to the Police."

Mr. Lo recollected that while running down the Old Bailey the shorter of the two men found time to discard his convict's shorts.

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BIG MACAO AMMUNITION DUMP EXPLODES.

**LARGE PART OF CITY
SHAKEN.**

**CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE
REPORTED.**

**HOUSES WRECKED: SOLDIERS SAID
TO HAVE BEEN KILLED.**

GREAT PALL OF SMOKE.

AT FIVE O'CLOCK this morning, Macao was the scene of a terrific explosion. It occurred in a Government ammunition depot at Flora, behind the Artillery Barracks, the small building being blown to smithereens. A large part of the Portuguese Colony was violently shaken, and the noise awakened the whole city from sleep.

Hundreds of people rushed into the city streets half-clad. Alarm signals were hoisted at the Citadel, giving an impression that a revolt of troops had taken place. Troops were rushed, together with the Fire Brigade, to the scene of the upheaval.

PALL OF SMOKE OVER CITY.

A few moments after the explosion, a pall of black smoke settled over Macao, and from vessels in Harbour, the whole place seemed enveloped.

It is reported that several soldiers were killed. Tremendous damage has been done in the vicinity, according to brief cable messages, but the nature and extent are not yet known. It is feared that the Artillery Barracks have suffered severely, in which case the casualty list is likely to be heavy.

SENSATIONAL RUMOURS.

Sensational rumours spread like wildfire. First reports stated that the New Paoli de Flora, the biggest ammunition depot in Macao, right in the heart of the residences of Macao's wealthiest citizens, was the scene of the disaster, and that houses belonging to Dr. Luis Nolasco, Mr. F. X. A. da Silva, Mr. Hee Cheong and Mr. F. J. Gellion had been wrecked.

It was later learned that the majority of these houses, about a quarter of a mile from the scene of the explosion, had suffered shattered windows and nothing more serious.

HONGKONG BOY SCOUTS SAFE.

We are specially asked by the Salesian Fathers to state that the Salesian Orphanage, quite near the scene of the disastrous blast, suffered no damage, and that the 16th Troop Hongkong Boy Scouts, who left for a holiday in Macao a few days ago, are all safe.

It is reported that shop-fronts in the city were blown in by the explosion. Several Macao residents in Hongkong have been recalled, as another explosion is feared!

Ben Liner's Eight-Hour Battle With Typhoon.

**Chief Engineer Washed Overboard: Ship's
Bosun Injured.**

Mr. F. J. Grimwood, chief engineer, was washed overboard and lost, and Mr. Barnes, bosun, was injured, when the Ben Line s.s. Benary ran full tilt into a typhoon in the northern part of the China Sea on Monday.

Lashed by the typhoon gale, and pounded by mountainous seas, the 5,000-ton vessel fought her way against the elements for eight hours, eventually emerging with battered decks, and minus a lifeboat.

"It was the worst experience of my life," said Capt. Drummond, the master of the ship, when describing the incident to the Telegraph this morning.

Eight-Hour Battle.

The ship encountered the full force of the typhoon about 4.30 a.m. on Monday, when she was off Tongyang, north of Swatow. For nearly eight hours she battled with the gale, providing a terrifying experience for the officers and crew.

Nobody saw Mr. Grimwood washed overboard. All that is known is that he was somewhere on deck when the blow was at its height, and had been associated with Messrs.

height, and it is presumed he must have been caught by a huge wave and swept over the rails. No cry was heard, and it was not until about 5 p.m. that he was known to be missing.

Bosun's Escape.

Mr. Barnes, the ship's bosun, had a narrow escape from a similar fate. His legs were caught from under him by a wave which swept the deck, and he was washed some yards along by the receding water. Fortunately he was able to save himself from being carried overboard, but he suffered an injury to his leg, though not serious.

According to Capt. Drummond, the gale blew at maximum force for hours, often exceeding 100 miles an hour. It was during one of gusts that a lifeboat was lost, it being hurled over the side and smashed to pieces by the power of the seas.

Otherwise, the ship escaped lightly, though a certain amount of damage was caused to the decks and one of the masts.

30 Years' Service.

The late Mr. Grimwood was very well-known on the China coast. He on deck when the blow was at its height, and had been associated with Messrs.



Our photo shows the residences of (right to left) Dr. Silva Mendes, Dr. Luis Nolasco, and Mr. F. X. A. da Silva at Macao. First reports of the disaster indicated that all had been severely damaged, but later information is to the effect that beyond a shattering of all the windows, the premises are undamaged.

BASEL EXPRESS OUTRAGE.

**AN "IRISHMAN"
ARRESTED.**

ALIBI PROVED.

Berlin, Aug. 12.

Acting on the information of a shopkeeper, who was able to identify the piece of wire found on the scene of the wreckage of the Basel-Berlin express, the police this morning arrested an alleged "Irish ex-officer" as the suspected purchaser.

The wire was found attached to the fuse of the bomb which caused such havoc on the train, and if the purchaser is traced, the police will be well on the way to elucidating the mystery.

The man arrested to-day, however, was in a position to prove his innocence, and was released.—*Reuter.*

CANTON'S PEACE TERMS.

**CHIANG KAI-SHEK
MUST RESIGN.**

Canton, Aug. 13.

With regard to the reports of peace offers by Nanking, the Central Press learns to-day that peace will be possible when Marshal Chiang Kai-shek resigns.

Messages from the North recently have suggested that peace might be established between Nanking and Canton if a conference were held in Shanghai for a settlement of outstanding points.—*Central Press.*

EUROPEAN IN MOTOR MISHAP.

**CAR COLLIDES WITH A
LAMP STANDARD.**

According to a police report, Mr. C. J. Endert, of the Netherlands Commercial Bank, was driving his car, No. 2562, along Hollywood Road at about two o'clock this morning when the vehicle collided with a lamp standard at the junction near Pottinger Street.

The car was damaged, and the driver was cut about the face by broken glass from the wind screen.

Gibb, Livingston & Co., the agents of the Benary, for nearly 30 years, and his passing, in the execution of his duty, will be keenly felt by both his employers and colleagues.

The Benary, which was built in 1926, is a steel screw vessel of 5,800 gross tonnage. Leith is her port of registry.

She arrived in Hongkong from Dairen last night, and immediately went to anchorage in Kowloon Harbour, where she will be placed in the hands of the Kowloon Dock for repairs and overhaul.

NOTORIOUS GANGSTER CONVICTED.

**Bailed Out Pending
Appeal.**

DIAMOND CASE.

New York, Aug. 12.

Jack Diamond, the King of the New York Underworld, was today sentenced to four years' imprisonment and fined eleven thousand dollars on charges of violating the prohibition laws.

Diamond has, however, been



Jack "Legs" Diamond.

released on bail (fixed at \$515,000) pending the hearing of an appeal against the sentence.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NEW BABY CAR'S SPEED FEAT.

**VISCOUNT RIDLEY'S
OWN DESIGN.**

London, Aug. 12.

Driving a special car which he has designed after experiments in his workshop at his country estate in Northumberland, Viscount Ridley (son-in-law of Sir Edwin Lutyens) at Brooklands to-day covered the flying kilometre at a speed of 105.42 miles an hour and the flying mile at 104.56 miles an hour.

When confirmed by the Royal Automobile Club these speeds will break the records for the Baby Cars Class established on Saturday by Mr. Leon Cushman in an Austin Seven. Viscount Ridley's car is fitted with a 750 cc. engine.—*British Wireless.*

REIGN OF TERROR IN BERLIN.

**POLICE PATROL
STREETS.**

SNIPERS CAUGHT.

Berlin, Aug. 12.

Serious rioting in Berlin last night causing numerous casualties was succeeded to-day by considerable tension, and extra forces of police are being drafted into the capital to prevent the renewal of the disturbances to-night.

Police lorries are patrolling the disturbed areas and so far everything is quiet, though the situation is pregnant with dangerous possibilities.

Communists fired on police to-day in Berlin, and also at Magdeburg, Luebeck, and Itzehoe, where altogether twelve persons were wounded and sixty arrested.

House to house searches for arms at Anchen and neighbouring towns revealed the existence of a new militant body calling themselves "The Red Snipers' Association," directed against the Nazis and the Police.

Fifty people, including a Communist Reichstag Deputy and two Town Councillors, all said to belong to the organisation, have been arrested.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH MILITARY "SECRETS."

**FULL DETAILS GO TO
GENEVA.**

London, Aug. 12.

A statement by the British Government, giving details of the personnel and material of the British naval, military and air forces, asked for by the Council of the League of Nations as a preliminary to the meeting next February of the World Disarmament Conference, has been received by the League Secretary at Geneva.

It is expected that copies of the statement will be translated and ready for transmission to the Governments participating in the Conference by Friday week, and that it will be published on the following day. The document occupies 100 folios, pages.—*British Wireless.*

OIL RESTRICTION SCHEME.

**COMPULSORY QUOTA
SYSTEM.**

Austin (Tex.), Aug. 12.

The State Legislature has passed an Oil Conservation Bill to deal with the present over-production. The Bill lays down a compulsory quota system for production by various pools, and also outlines penalties for those opposing the order of the Conservation Commission.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CABINET AND ECONOMY.

**MINISTERS HOLD
MEETING.**

**No Decisions Yet
Reached.**

London, Aug. 12.

While some measure of disagreement is to be expected among the rank and file of the Labour Party, it is strongly denied that there are any differences between Ministers with regard to the imperative necessity of a balanced British Budget, which the *Daily Herald* to-day described as "an integral part of world financial security."

The reports of a Cabinet split were, in fact, a poor example of intelligent anticipation as the members of the Cabinet Economy Committee met this afternoon for the first time since the Report of the May Committee was circulated.

The Committee is made up of five members of the Government, all of whom have interrupted their holidays to begin their consideration of the Government's programme for a reduction of expenditure.

Meeting Adjourned.

The Committee which is composed of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald (Prime Minister), Mr. Philip Snowden (Chancellor of the Exchequer), Mr. William Graham (President of the Board of Trade), Mr. Arthur Henderson (Foreign Secretary) and Mr. J. H. Thomas (Dominions Secretary) met this afternoon and adjourned at seven o'clock until to-morrow, no definite decision having been reached.

The Prime Minister and his colleagues are in possession of the observations of all the Government departments affected by the proposals of the May Committee, which are estimated to effect a reduction of expenditure next year of £26,000,000.

Firm Resolve.

After a study of the proposals, the Cabinet Committee will decide the general direction in which economies shall be made in order to provide for the balancing of the next budget. It is known that the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer are firmly resolved on securing a balanced budget.

It is understood that the meeting to-day explored the whole ground and dealt generally with the situation. After to-morrow the Committee is not expected to meet again till Monday when it is hoped that it will frame proposals.

Mr. Chamberlain's Decision.

It is possible that the next step will involve consultation with the representatives of the two opposition parties, but nothing definite is known as to the Government's intentions.

It is regarded as significant, however, in view of the possibility of a three-party conference, that Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Conservative leader deputising for Mr. Baldwin who is in France, is returning to London from Scotland immediately.—*British Wireless and Reuter.*

City "Speculation."

The vital necessity of balancing the Budget remains in the forefront of public discussion and in the absence of an official statement following yesterday's meeting of the Cabinet Committee, the pursuit of economy is being carried on by the investor. The next budget, indeed, has already been tentatively balanced in City circles by a severe pruning of the social and defence services.

The Socialist, however, quickly retorts that there shall be no cuts, but more taxes.

A sporting element even may be introduced to rescue sterling for it is seriously suggested in serious quarters that a State Lottery Loan, with yearly or half-yearly draws for bonuses, might prove a more profitable (Continued on Page 15.)

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**EARLY MORNING RAID
AT WEST POINT.**

WEALTHY DEFENDANTS
IN COURT.

Thirteen Chinese, for the most
part attired in the long coat of the
well-to-do, appeared before Mr.
Williams, at the Central Magistracy
yesterday afternoon, charged with
gambling. Ten others who did not
put in an appearance forfeited a
bail of \$10 which each of them had
put up.

The case resulted from an early
morning raid carried out by the
Police on Thursday last, on the Sik
Yue Club located in Queen's Road
West in the restaurant quarter.

Evidence was given to the effect
that, after securing three warrants
for each of the three adjacent floors
occupied by the Club, at No. 506,
No. 508 and No. 510, Queen's Road
West, Detective Sergeant Fitches
and a party of Chinese plain-clothes
men proceeded to the locality at
1.30 in the morning. Leaving their
cars in Belcher's Street, they enter-
ed the premises. The party was
preceded by a Chinese officer who
entered the premises first and re-
mained for some time watching a
game of *kai* before action was jointly
taken by others of the party.

The Game Described.
The first of the Police party, des-
cribing the game in progress, said
it was played by throwing six dice
into a large bowl, the resulting
line-up of the dices having different
values according to variation, or
having no value at all. Watching
a hand being thus thrown, he
described its value as "fragrant
five", the lucky thrower receiving
\$20 for the \$5 he staked on the
throw.

Around this table 25 people were
sitting or standing, amongst whom
he identified the first accused, and
second accused in particular con-
nection with the fact that one was
instructing the other to collect
\$1.20 as commission in respect of
this hand. This commission was
deducted from the winnings and
put into one of two tins.

A Stampede.
The next hand was interrupted by
someone shouting "Inspector"
whereat there was a stampede.
Sergeant Fitches and the other
officers appeared at that moment.
Some of the players pocketed the
money they had on the table, said
witness.

Witness identified a large bundle
of chips and counters seized in the
raid and now produced as exhibits,
describing their denominations,
which ranged from a dollar to \$500

NAUTILUS RESUMES.

PROGRESSING STEADILY
NORTHWARD.

Tromsø, Aug. 12.
The submarine Nautilus was
reported this morning to be
steadily progressing northwards.
There has been no mishap since
the resumption of the journey
yesterday afternoon, when the
engines temporarily broke down.
—Reuter.

Over \$650 were seized from the
table.

In reply to Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton
(appearing for the defence), wit-
ness admitted that no servant was
stationed at the door, so anybody
could have entered without question.
He noted that it was the first ac-
cused who collected commission
from the gambling table.

He did not see women sitting
about the place nor that opium was
being smoked by one of the accused.
He disclaimed any intention of
creating the inference that gam-
bling with heavy stakes was in pro-
gress by mentioning the high
denomination of the chips and coun-
ters. Actually he only saw one
complete hand being played, but
chips and counters were placed in
front of the players. He agreed that
the men arrested were handcuffed,
but denied that they were
searched.

Business Men.
Witness, in reply to another
question, said he did not know any-
thing about a sum having been
taken from a man in the course of a
search and this being added to the
money seized on the table.

Mr. Hall Brutton: Would it
surprise you to know that the people
who visited this Club were business
men, dentists, merchants and direc-
tors of companies?

Witness: I don't care what they
were. All I am concerned with is
that they were gambling.

Mr. Brutton asked witness if it
was not a man called Tong Foo who
gave information which led to the
raid. After being directed by the
Bench that he need not give a reply
if he did not wish, witness said he
did not want to answer that ques-
tion. He admitted, however, that
he knew the man named.

Further cross-examination by
Mr. Brutton had to do with witness'
recollection of his own movements
while on the premises, and the lay-
out of the three floors occupied by
the Club.

After Sergeant Fitches had given
evidence, the case was adjourned
until Monday.

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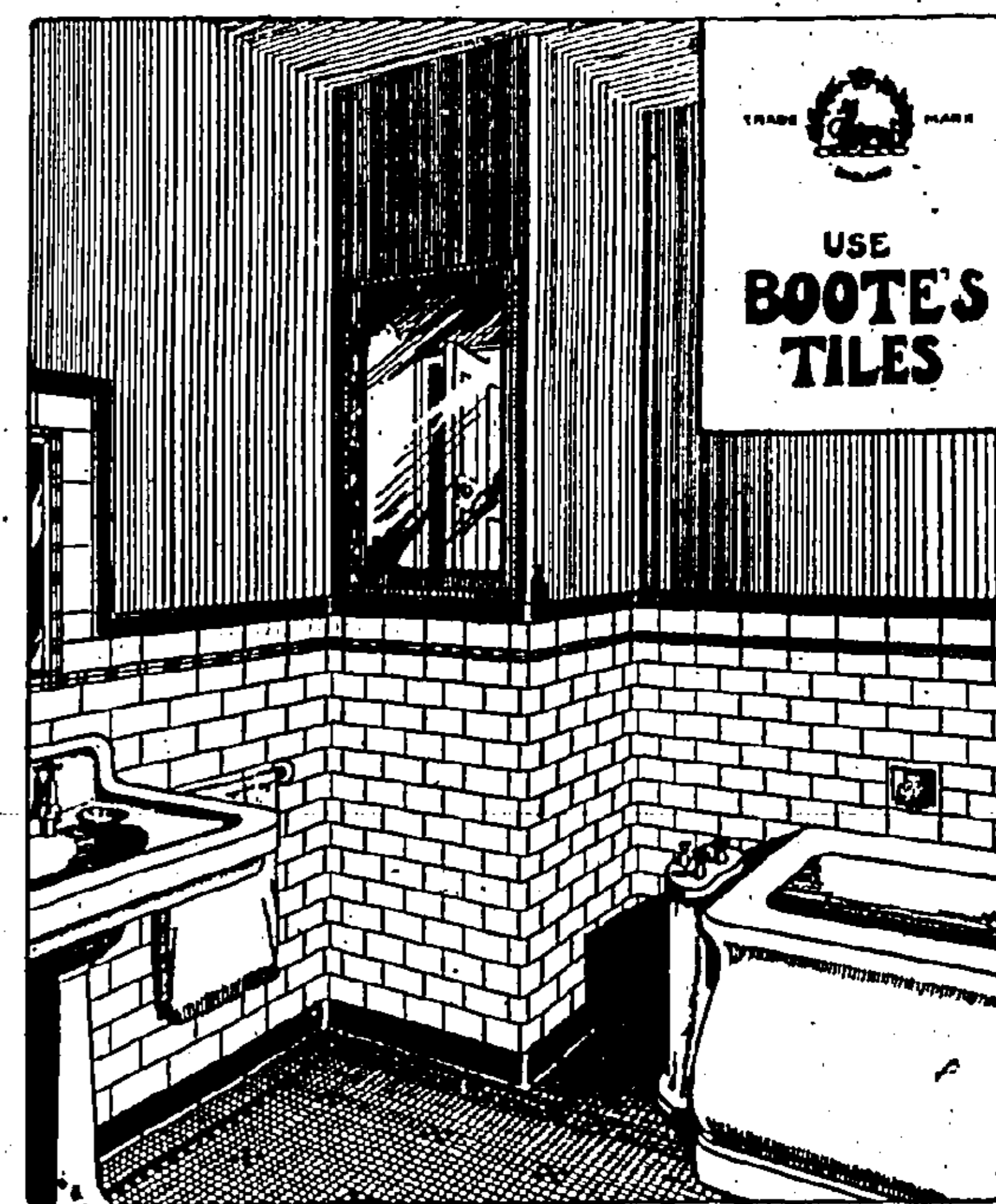
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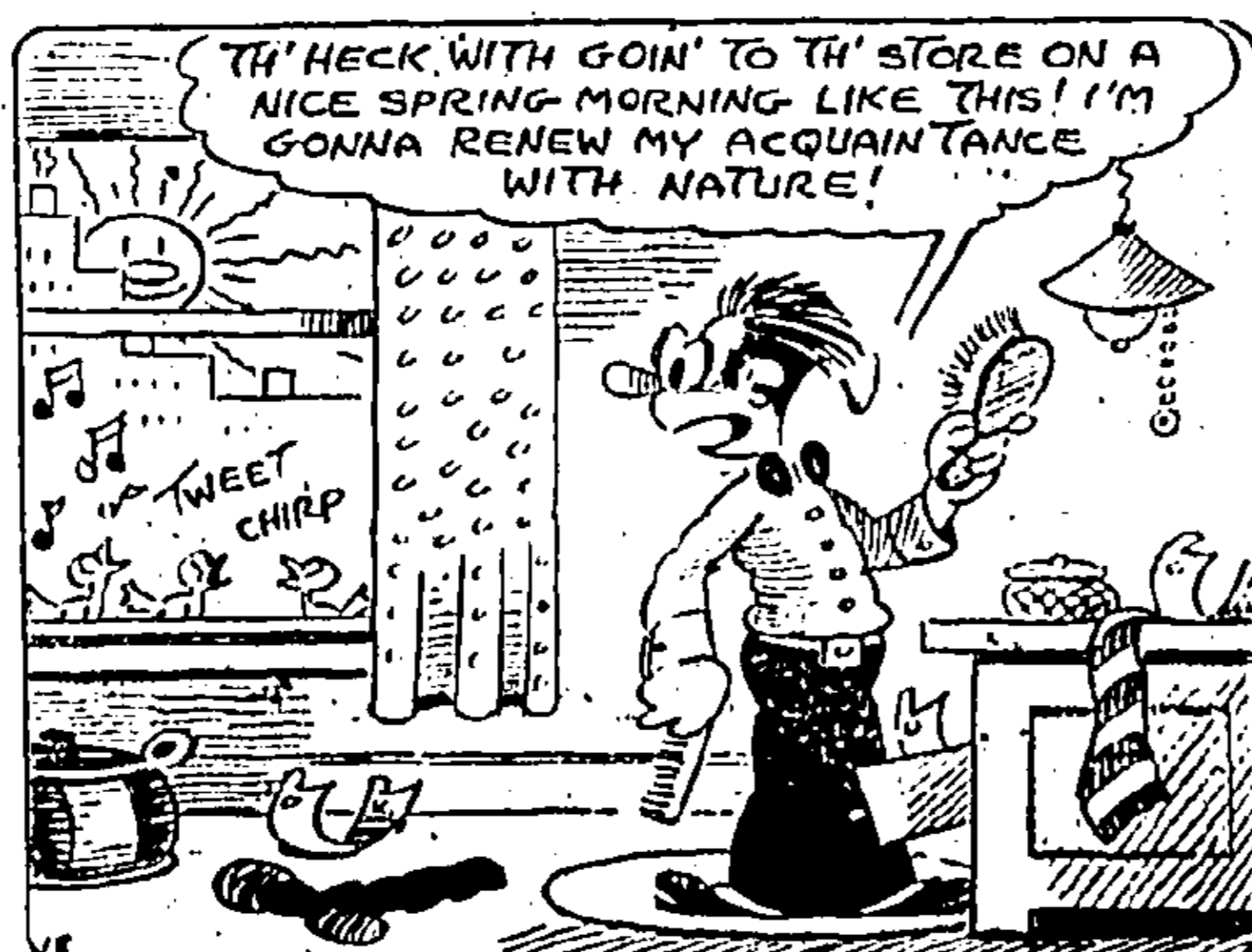
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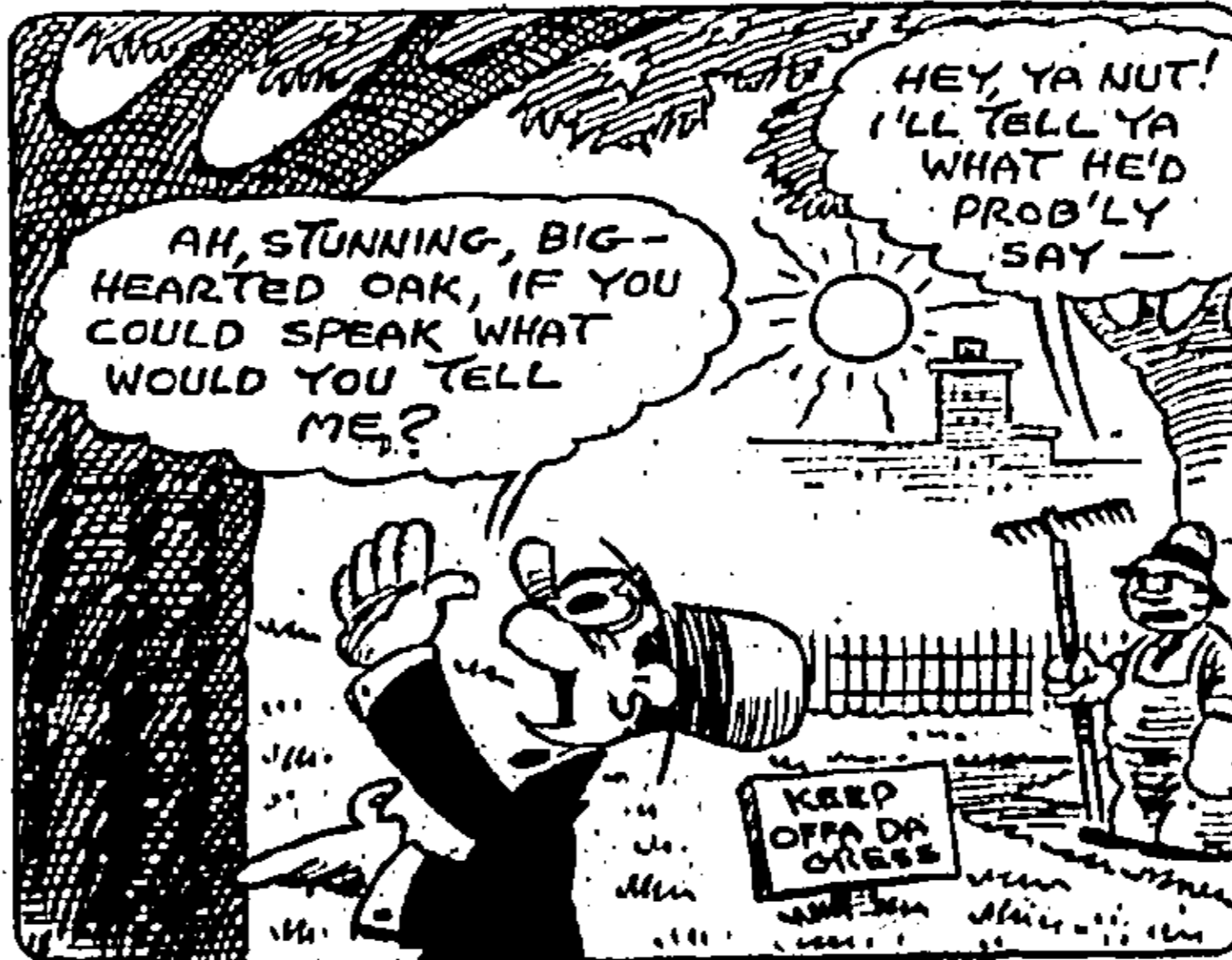
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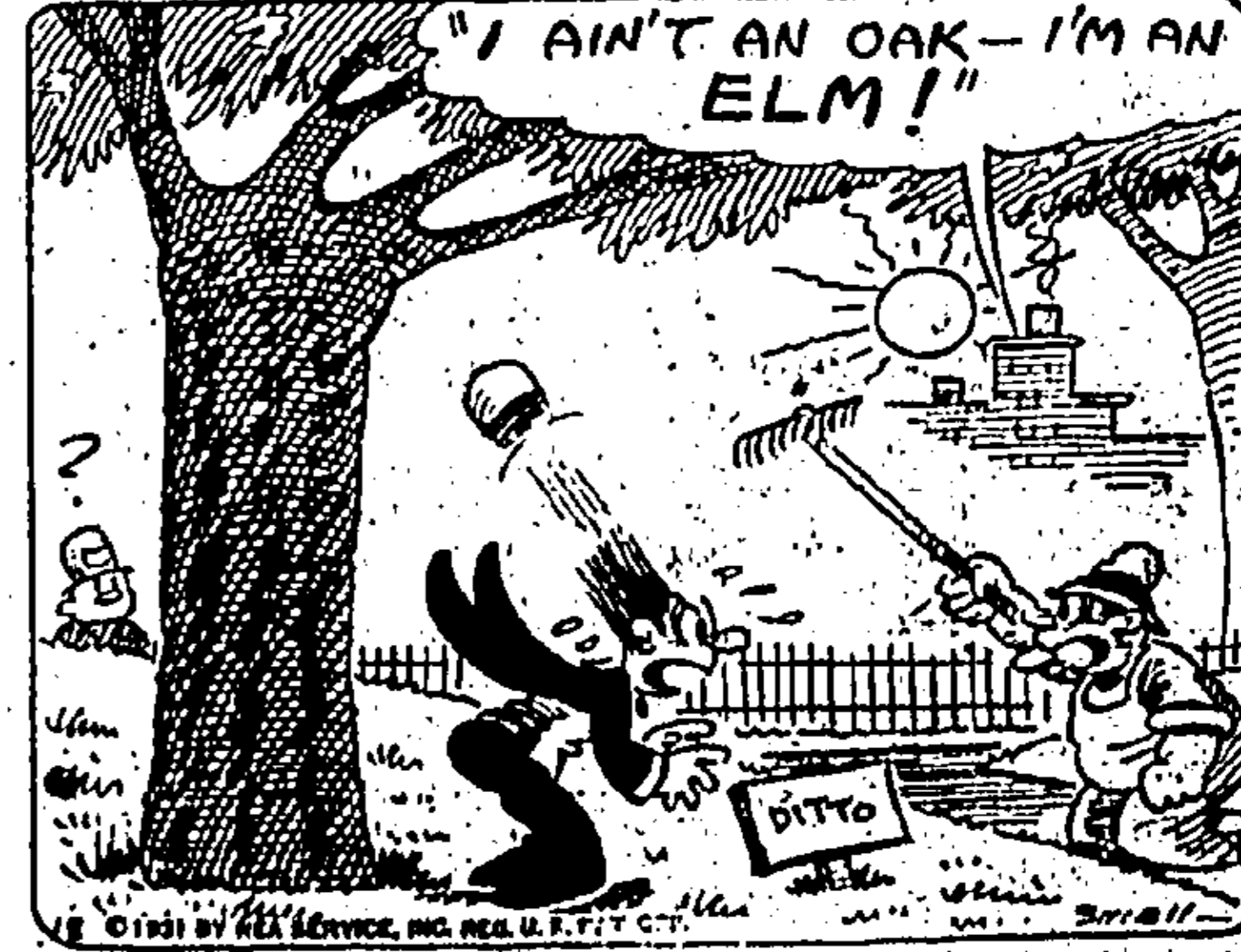
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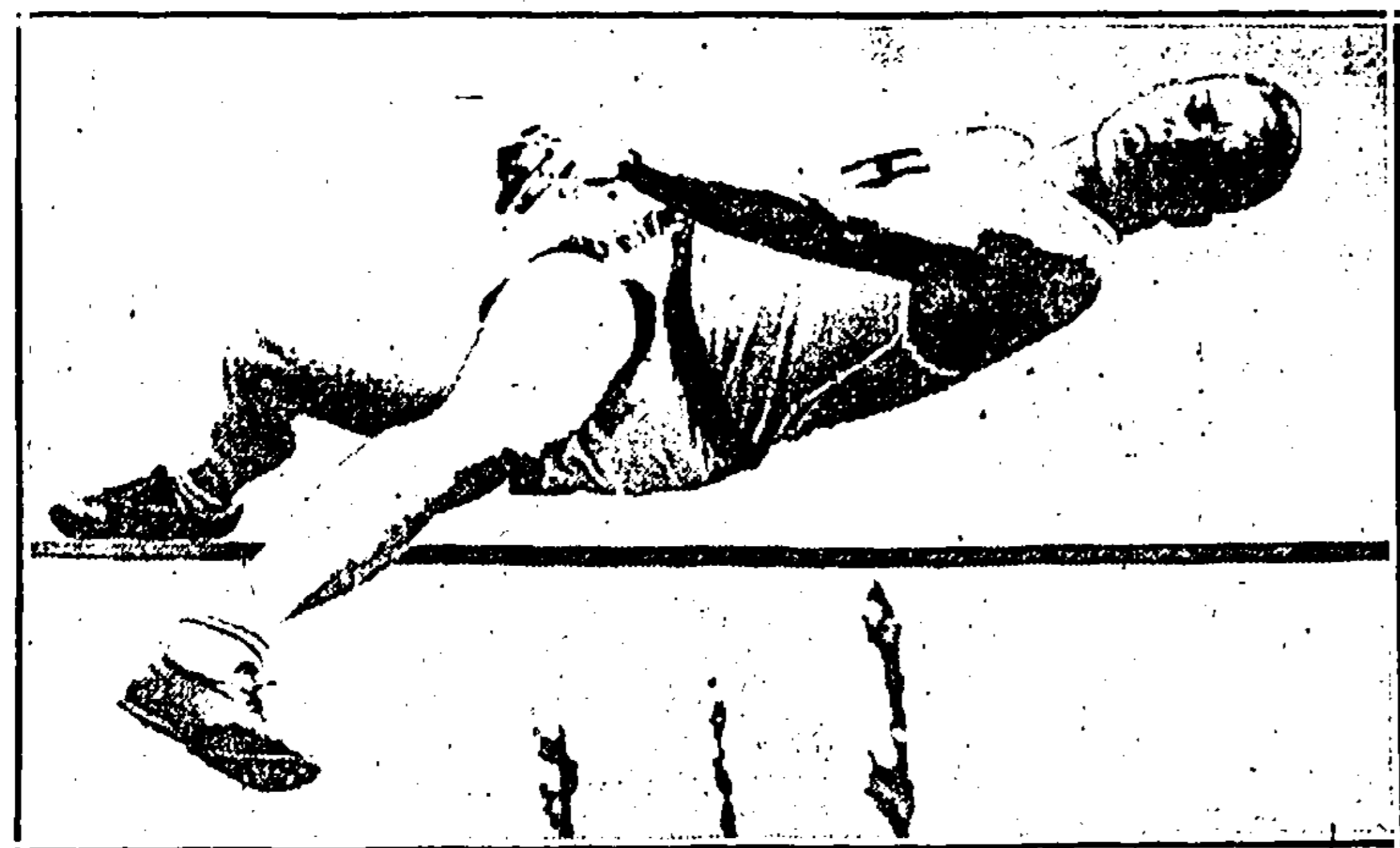
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WIMBLEDON CHAMPION RESTING.



Pauline Cilly Aussem, the first German woman to win a Wimbledon title, is pictured above in a London garden resting after her strenuous efforts. She went on the court in the final against the orders of her doctor.



A queer contortion by a member of the Yale-Harvard athlete in the recent contest in London between Yale-Harvard and Oxford Cambridge. The British competitors won handsomely.

REAL QUEEN OF THE SADDLE.

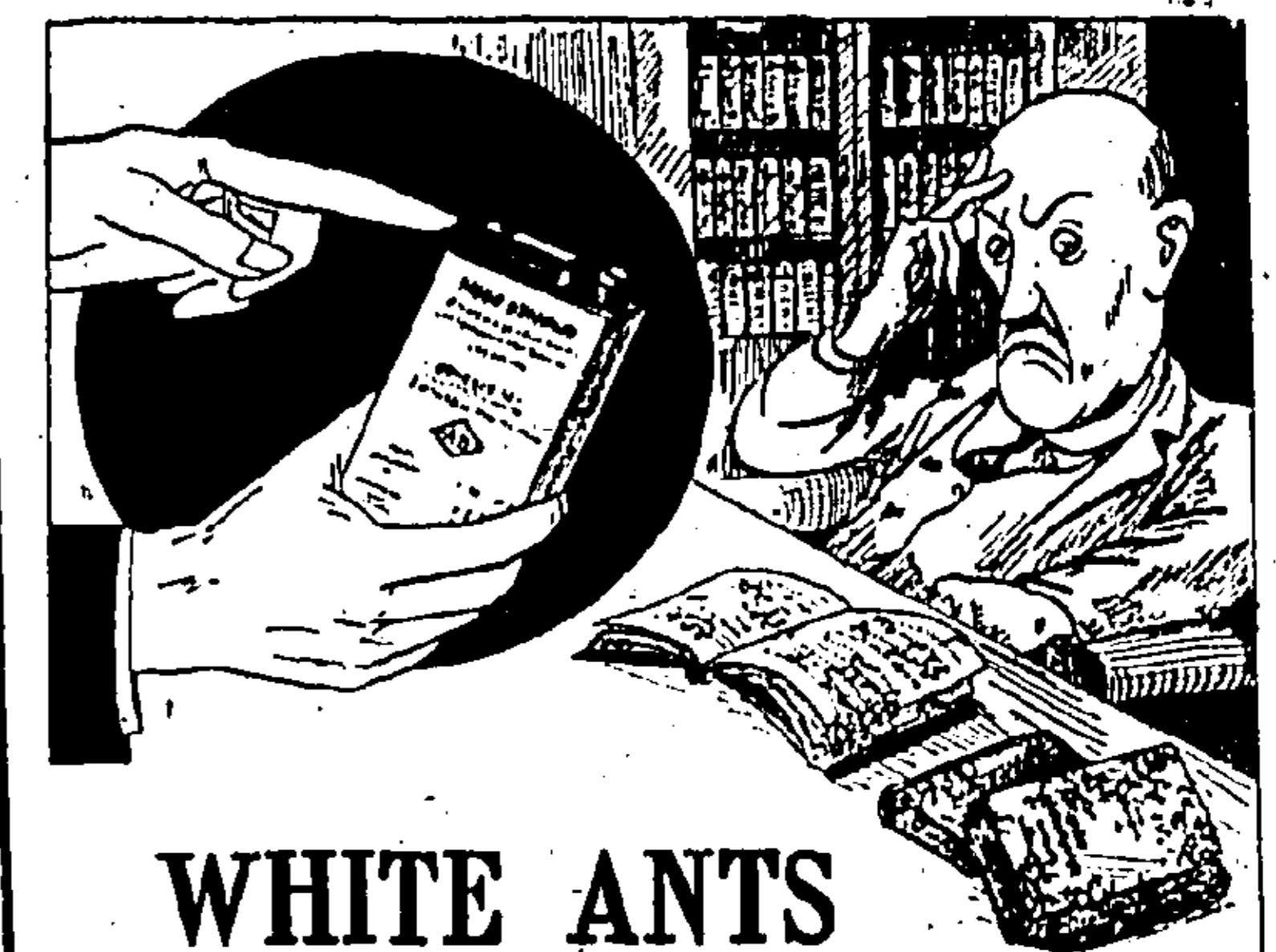


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Beryl Barton hopes that a radio career will help her forget her hopeless love for Tommy Wilson, who is engaged to her half-sister, Irene. She goes about with Prentiss Gaylord until Irene learns that he is rich and manages to win him away from her. After a hasty marriage they depart for Gaylord's western home. Tommy drinks heavily, loses his job and joins a well-known gang. Beryl catches cold while trying to find him to urge him to leave his unwholesome associates. Her throat is affected and her singing days are ended. When Tommy realises Beryl's sacrifice he reforms and goes back to college.

Irene quarrels with Prentiss over an affair with Beryl. He ends her home. She attempts to win back Tommy's love. Irene plans a secret meeting with Beryl, but Prentiss hears of it and arrives at the rendezvous just as Beryl denounces Irene as a heartless gold-digger. The men fight and Irene tries to flee in Beryl's car. There is an accident in which she is injured.

Meantime Tommy is wondering whether he still loves Irene. He secures Beryl's home from a party one night. A telegram arrives.

CHAPTER XLV

While Gaylord waited at the hospital for the moment when doctors would know whether Irene was to live or not Tommy Wilson sat sipping hot chocolate in the Everett living room.

There had been a benefit party at a neighbourhood gathering place and Beryl had attended it to represent the Everett family. Her mother was still avoiding her friends as much as possible and meant to continue doing so until she could announce that Irene was again with her husband in Oakdale. Mr. Everett could never be persuaded to go to such affairs.

Tommy had come to take Beryl home at the suggestion of Mrs. Everett who wished people to associate the two together so they would think less of the attention Tommy paid Irene.

Refreshments had been served when Tommy arrived, so Beryl asked him to come into the house when they reached there and gave him a pot of chocolate and some fruit cake.

Tommy appeared to be preoccupied. How could Beryl guess that it was calculating that occupied his mind? She assumed he was thinking of Irene. He had asked about her sister on the way home.

Tommy had undergone a curious experience. He had found himself unable to analyze his feelings when he learned that Irene had gone to Oakdale and no one could tell him

when she would return or whether she would ever come back. On that last evening they had spent together the thought that in a few weeks more she would no longer be Prentiss' wife had held his attention and it had stirred him. Gaylord had never seemed to Tommy anything but a usurper.

Since her return to the east he had told himself that his lack of emotion on seeing her again was due to anger. He wanted very much to explain this in some satisfactory way. Only an explanation that allowed him to believe he still loved Irene was satisfactory.

Tommy was really an idealist. He didn't want to fall out of love as did so many young people. He wanted to love as a poet and to remember forever. It was disappointing to know he could feel coldly toward Irene.

The rekindling of his affection as the days passed made him think better of himself. Perhaps he wasn't so fickle after all, Tommy concluded.

There were times, naturally, when he mused over the prospect of telling Irene frankly that he no longer cared for her. That would be paying her off as she deserved. But then he had to ask himself if he could get away with it, or if he would regret it later.

And wasn't it incredible for him to think of paying Irene off? She was not responsible for what had happened. How could he make her believe he didn't care for her? She'd laugh at him. No, Irene wouldn't laugh. Beryl would laugh if you told her anything she didn't believe but Irene's blue eyes would fill with tears. Who'd believe there were girls like Irene in the world? Maybe there wasn't another one. He'd be sorry all the rest of his life if he hurt her now when she appeared to need him as she'd never needed him before.

Irene seemed to realize now what a muddle she'd made of her life. She couldn't even talk about it without sobbing.

Tommy thought about the many times Irene had said, "I've learned my lesson," or in even sadder tones, "I don't know how I could have done such a thing. Oh, Tommy, I must have been crazy!"

Tommy felt that she was turning to him for comfort and understanding as she had so often before. He was subtly flattered. It was as though she sensed this in everything she said to him. Irene considered herself far inferior to him in faithfulness and loyalty. She was a leaf in the wind. She had said that one stormy day when they drove through a barren wood and the dead leaves scurried over the road. She was like that white cloud fading away overhead; helpless against stronger forces.

Gently, tenderly, wistfully, Irene admitted her failings until her meekness stirred pity in young Tommy's breast.

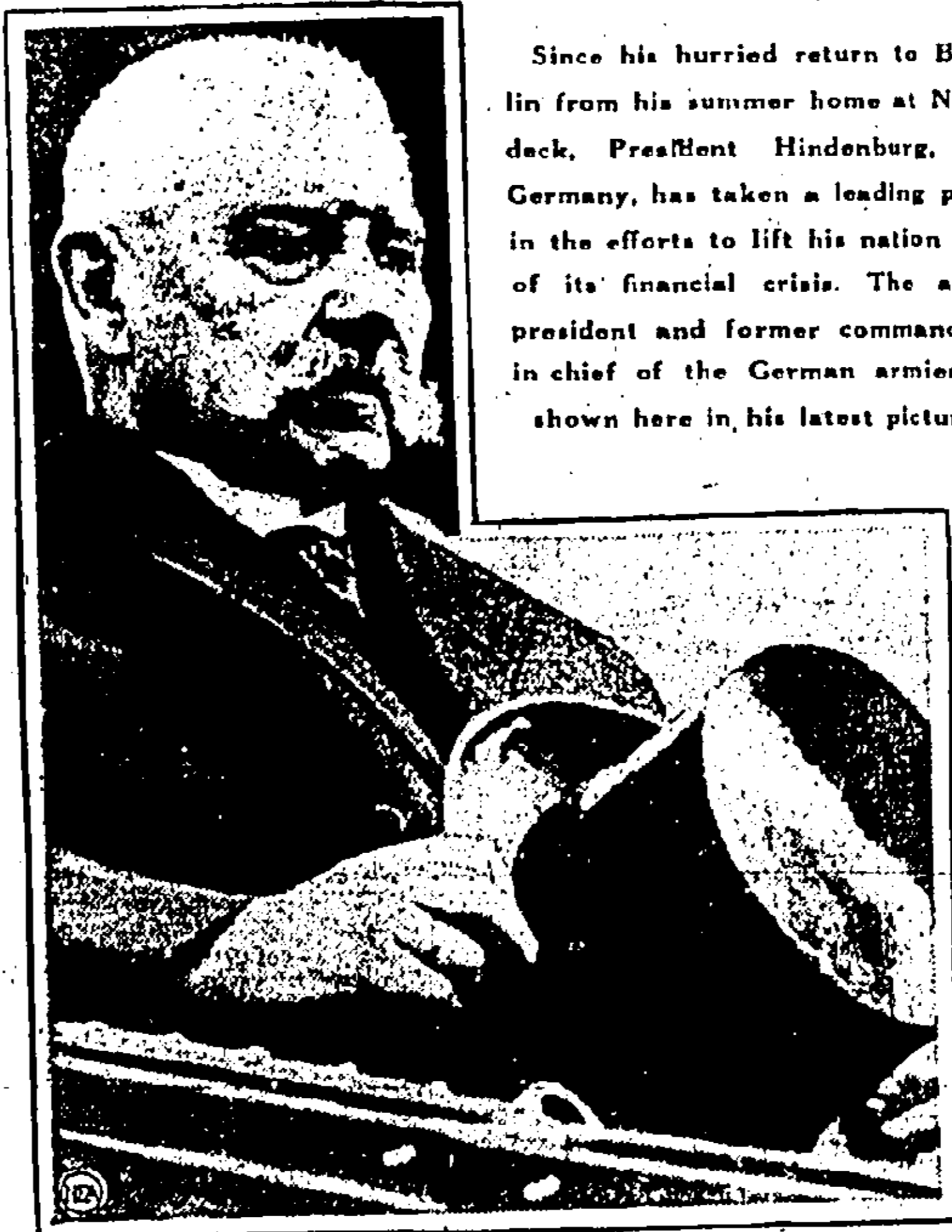
There are boys who do not believe that girls should be told all their thoughts and Tommy was one of them. Tommy held the image of a saintly mother in his heart. Amanda Wilson, dying, had taken with her the chance of destroying her son's illusions about her as living mothers may do. To Tommy she was a sweet and fragrant memory. No sex that claimed her could ever fail entirely of his respect.

And there was Beryl. Without knowing it Tommy based his opinion of girls largely upon his knowledge of Beryl. She, it was, who had taught him to respect himself. But from many others he had learned while he was with Pol Larkin that the town folk did not share that respect. He was a "ner-do-well," a "loser," a "no-account." Though they did not still call him these names the scars which the scathing epithets had left still remained. He could not deny that they were justified to a great extent but coming as they did when he was frantic with the vision of Irene in another man's arms torturing his mind, they had come close to making a lasting outflow of him.

The scars were growing fainter now. While the lash of criticism at this time would have burned them raw they grew fainter with praise.

Tommy's character was not yet developed to the point where he could stand alone, unmoved by the attitude of his fellowmen toward him. Thus he found Irene's homage both soothing and stimulating. He did not know that while it is possible to despise those who love us we are prone to like those who respect us. He did know that he enjoyed Irene's company. She made him feel important, as though he would some day be a real figure in the world.

When Irene dropped suddenly out of his life and he did not know that he would ever see her again he could not say how he was affected.



Since his hurried return to Berlin from his summer home at Neudack, President Hindenburg, of Germany, has taken a leading part in the efforts to lift his nation out of its financial crisis. The aged president and former commander-in-chief of the German armies is shown here in his latest picture.

He had expected without questioning that his old companionship with Irene would be restored. Whether they would be sweethearts he had not, for his part, decided. It hadn't seemed necessary to come to a decision about it.

But after she was gone he asked himself what he'd been thinking of, anyway? Perhaps she might have stayed if he'd asked her to. And if she came back would he urge her then not to go away a second time? What was the matter with him? Gaylord Prentiss was out there in Oakdale. He ought to be burning up with jealousy. Why wasn't he burning up? Was he so sure of Irene, so sure she loved him and would return to him?

Tommy could get nowhere with these perplexities and deliberately turned to other thoughts. Love had been everything to him at one time—but that was over now. A man had other pursuits. He had to think of making good in the world. Love he must have but there were other things to keep in mind.

Even getting married wouldn't be the same now. Tommy was not the boy he had been when Beryl had interfered and broken up his elopement with Irene.

Funny—he thought he'd never forgive Beryl for that, but now he had no hard feelings about it at all. He'd been pretty fresh all right to think of getting married, kid that he was then. Could it all have happened only last spring? Less than a year ago?

Maybe he'd better talk it over with Beryl now. She'd say of course that he shouldn't get married for years. No doubt she was right. Well, he wasn't so eager about getting married any more. He could wait.

Tommy reasoned vaguely, but underneath his conscious thoughts he knew that when he was with Irene, when her eyes bestowed the carresses he did not take from her

lips, when she seemed to say in every look, every gesture, "Tommy, please . . ." he was going to do something about it.

And he did not want to do anything about it. He just wanted to let matters drift.

Beryl thought he might want to talk to her about Irene and she had avoided him. What could she tell him. There was only her mother's explanation that Irene had gone to Oakdale on business. Tommy would think she was evasive. She had her own ideas, of course, but she could not give them to Tommy as facts. The situation to Beryl was just what it had been when Irene married Gaylord, except that now she did not fear it would plunge Tommy into dissipation or worse.

There was no doubt in her mind that Tommy still loved Irene. Whether Irene had returned to Gaylord was a subject which concerned only Tommy and Irene and Gaylord. It could have nothing to do with her.

Beryl had plumbed the depths of hopelessness. She'd be glad if Tommy had let Irene go—glad for his sake—but it could not make him return her love.

Of course, if Irene should return—

Beryl raised her cup of chocolate to her lips. She'd been restless and feverish all day. Even her eyes felt hot and dry.

Tommy started to speak. He was thinking of Irene again. Before his words were out they were interrupted by the long, loud ringing of the door bell.

(To be Continued.)

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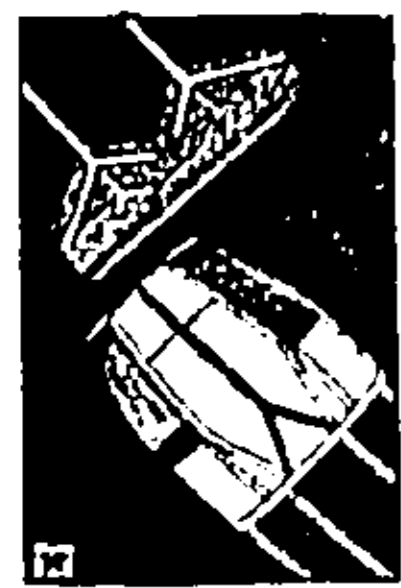
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WOMEN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

WEDDING GOWNS.

In Dainty Colours.

Wedding dresses this season are lovely and not monotonous in style. For the first time in Paris recently a young bride was married in colour. She wore pale-blue satin with little veil in the same colour, and all her bridesmaids, little girls in Kate Greenaway frocks, wore blue satin in a slightly deeper shade.

The effect was charming. Worth was the artist, and it is interesting to note that it was an old-established, traditional firm which left the tradition of white for a wedding dress to adopt colour.

Armande also made a coloured wedding dress in mauve.

She has also made another in white wool lace with a long veil of white net. The bridesmaids wore white stiffened chiffon dresses made with narrow frills, the edges of which were stiffened slightly with silver thread.

Marle Antoinette fished draped the shoulders, and close fitting caps of crocheted silk, round the base of which ran a narrow line of small white flowers.

Fine Bias Work.

Very charming was a wedding dress of white peau de soie made by Lucien Lelong. The bodice had a little pointed neck opening, the sleeves were long and close fitting, and the skirt, to the knees, was a masterpiece of fine bias work to give that wonderful slim line to the figure which it is so difficult to get. From the knees the skirt flowed wide and at the back opened into a long, wide train.

A simple cap-like head dress of net was held to the back of the head by gardenias, and over it flowed, long and wide, a veil of plain white net. Big white lilies were carried in the hand. The bridesmaids wore buttercup yellow georgette, very simply made, with big feather hats trimmed with yellow velvet ribbon streamers. They carried buttercups and daisies.

The bride's mother, in France, usually wears grey or beige. Beige lace, beige crepe satin, grey chiffon or georgette, with a coat to match in summer, and fur in winter. The *bell mere*, of both bride and bridesmaid, dresses as much for her part as does the bride.

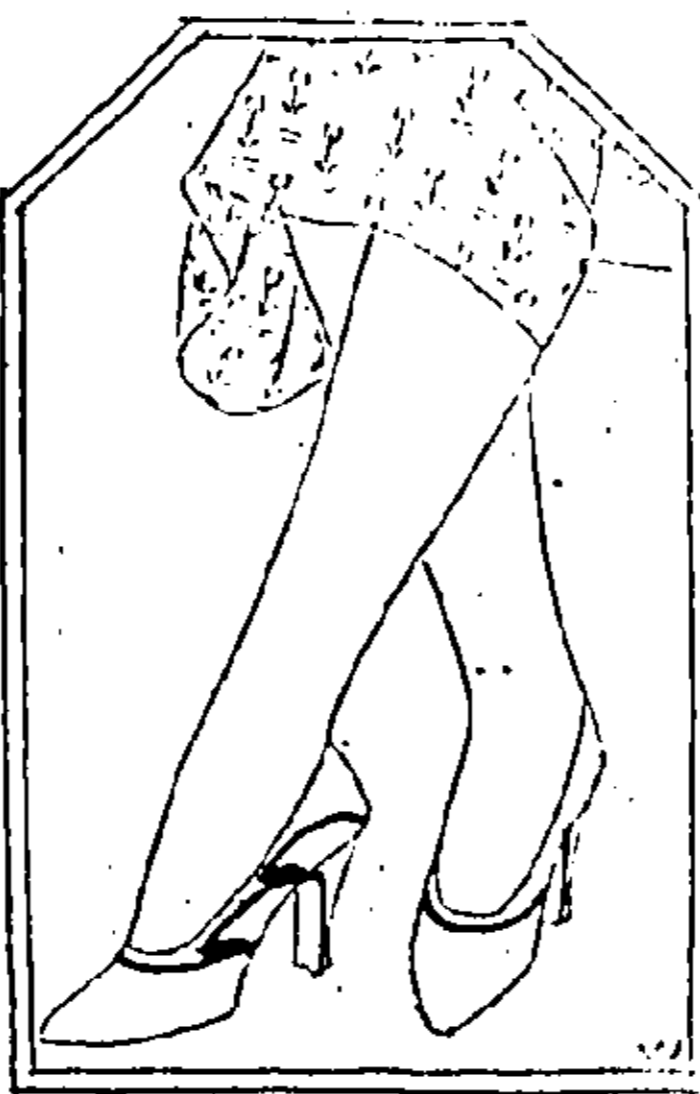
Two presentation dresses were made by Moynaux, one for the Duchess of Portland, in finely

Frocks for the Sports Girl.



Seen above are two smart sports frocks. One is made of wide white pique and tailored to use the striped design of the same material for a decorative effect. The other is a neat chic two-piece white flat crepe with bands of blue and red outlining the neck, sleeves, belt and a simulated bolero.

Unusual Effect.



This white kid opera pump has an interesting one-sided trim of black "mirror finish" kid to accent a black motif in the costume.

A BEAUTIFUL VOICE.

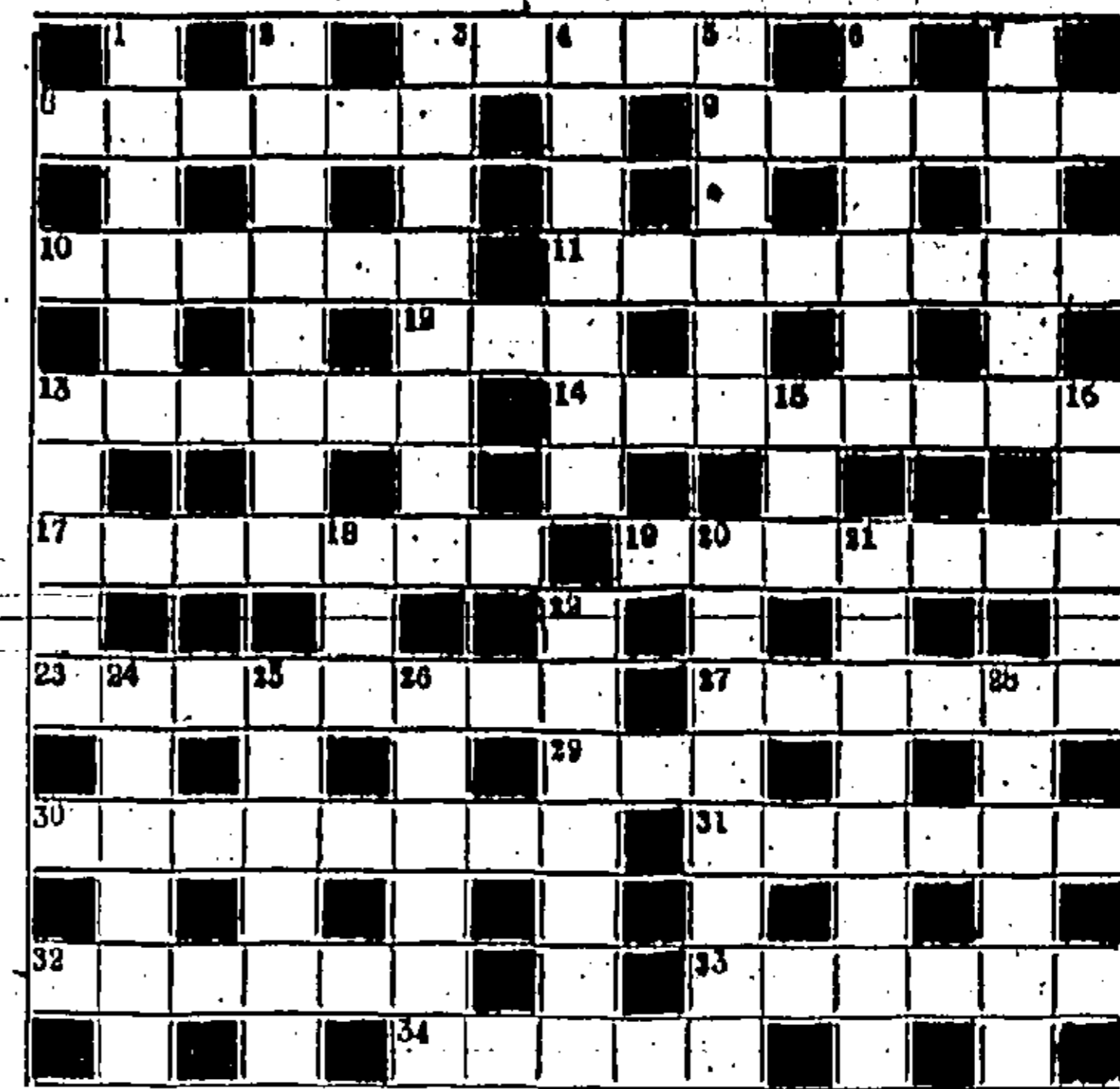
A man once laughingly told me that he had married his wife for her voice.

She heard him say so, and appeared content that it should have been so, but she explained to me that it was her speaking voice which had won her husband. She might not have been quite so willing to accept his surrender, she added, if her fascination had depended upon her singing voice, which would have lost its charm as the years went on.

And that remark made me realise what a loss of joy is going on all over the world simply because so few people understand what a delicate instrument a human voice is, and how it can create delight, sympathy, laughter, interest, and a score of other emotions, pleasant and unpleasant, when the speaker wills.

Probably more men have fallen in love with a voice than anyone would imagine from the small amount of attention that the subject gets from other sex.—F. W. in Exchange.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



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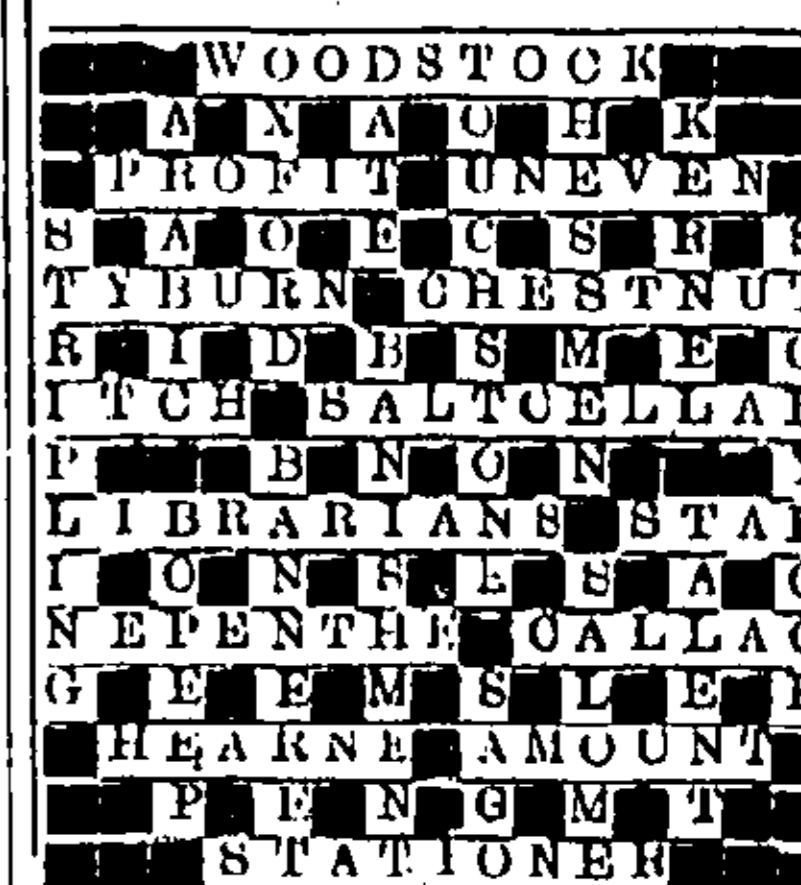
- 3 Work for this, and turn it into verse.
- 8 Stiff and awkward.
- 9 Actually concerning a friend.
- 10 The vehicle beside the little darling is really for indoor use.
- 11 A tin in this manner is frequently used in the ornamentation of capitals.
- 12 Look for this in 6.
- 13 Zest.
- 14 Sometimes these meet, but they don't always end in a scene.
- 17 Take eighty away from this shiny finish and it will disappear.
- 19 To enter uninvited is bound to be more or less rude.
- 23 A peg-top for example.
- 27 Heard in the Children's Hour.
- 29 Highland John.
- 30 Take a lock of hair in a bit of a fog for the 'woman teacher.
- 31 This dairy product was once "the correct thing."
- 32 Take a step and get it.
- 33 Flatly.
- 34 Don't eat too many or you will be "sated" (anag.).

Down

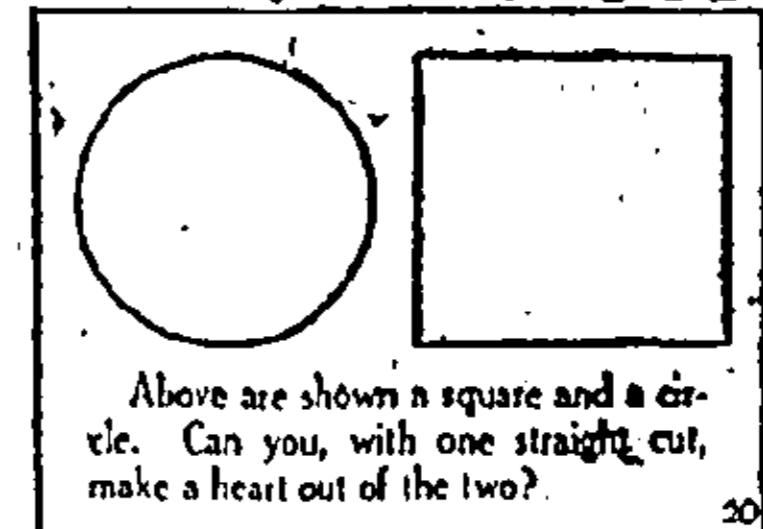
- 1 Bestow.
- 2 Voluntary acceptance naturally shows the power of selection.
- 3 Small fragments.
- 4 Told in a way that seems to suggest family matters.
- 6 Do wrong, busy little worker, and become roving.

- 6 This pen is never dipped into ink.
- 7 The whole thing begins to attract.
- 13 One who splits assunder.
- 15 Animal.
- 16 An undressed kid who sounds easily moved.
- 18 I'll be in a bad state here.
- 20 Off-shoots.
- 21 Made up and clarified.
- 22 You may have a piece of beef if you take a risk.
- 24 Is.
- 25 Offer a higher price.
- 26 May be De Vere changed direction.
- 28 Emphatically, it.

Yesterday's Solution

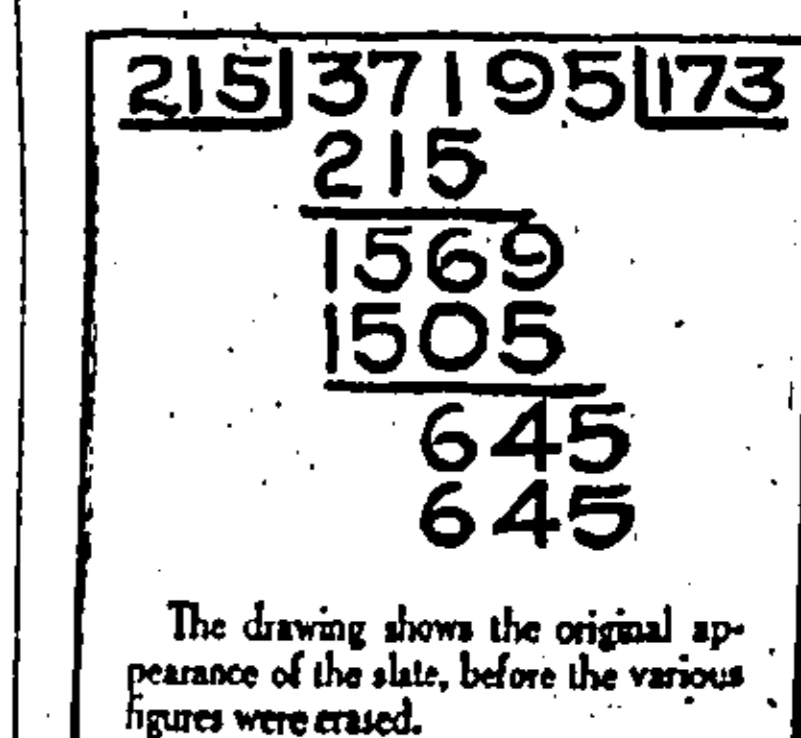


STICKLERS



Above are shown a square and a circle. Can you, with one straight cut, make a heart out of the two?

Yesterday's Solution



SENATOR PITTMAN.

TO ASK HOOVER TO CALL SILVER CONFERENCE.

San Francisco, Aug. 12. On his return from the Far East, where he has studied the silver question for three months Senator Pittman announces that he intends to renew his campaign for an international silver conference.

He will submit a resolution to the Senate requesting President Hoover to take the initiative.—Reuter's American Service.

SINO-SOVIET PARLEYS.

HEATED DISCUSSION OVER C.E.R. MANAGEMENT.

Mukden, Aug. 5. It is stated here in official circles that the 17th meeting of the Soviet and Chinese delegates in Moscow met on August 1 when there was heated discussion on the subject of the management of the Chinese Eastern Railway.—Reuter.

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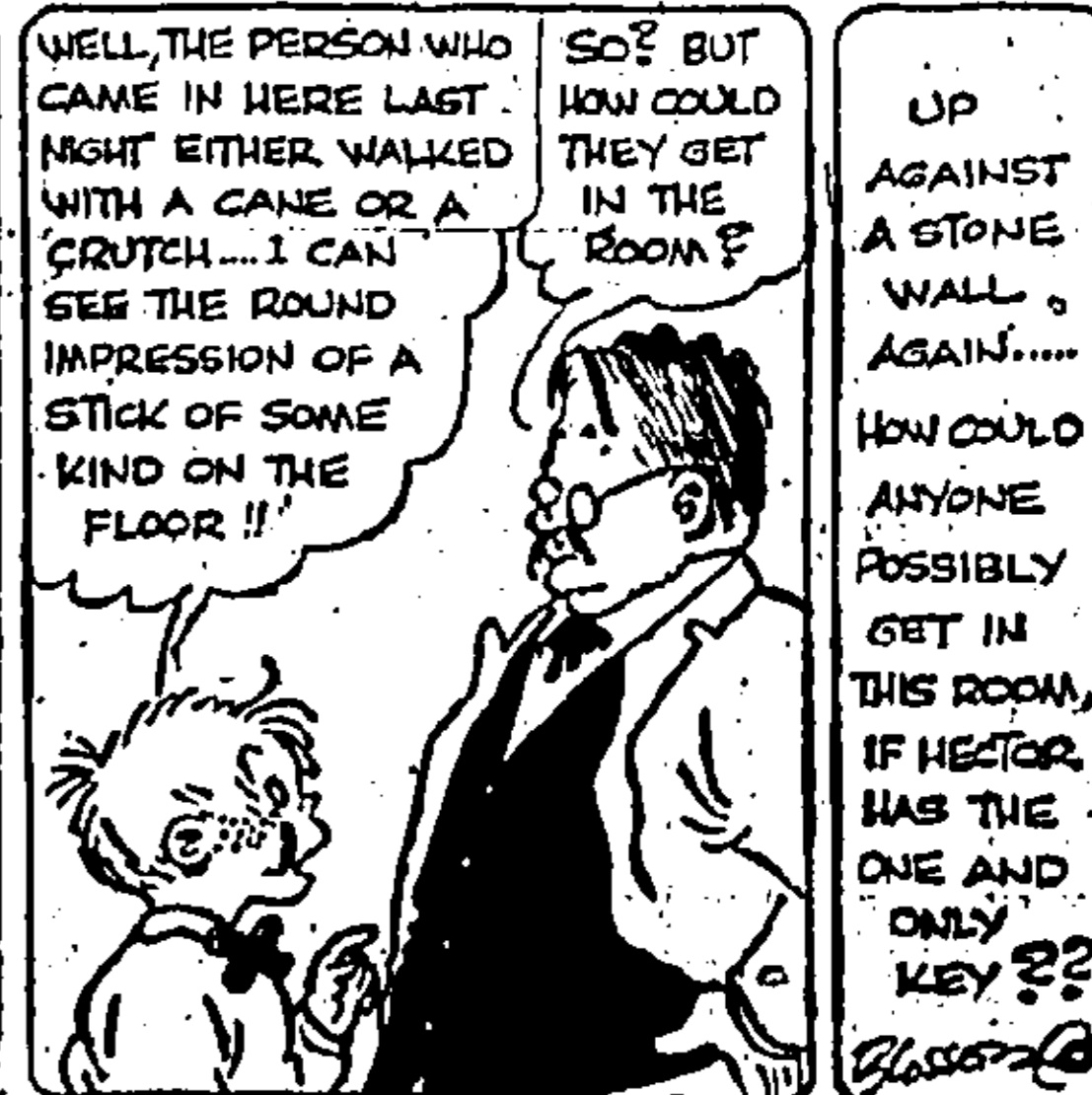
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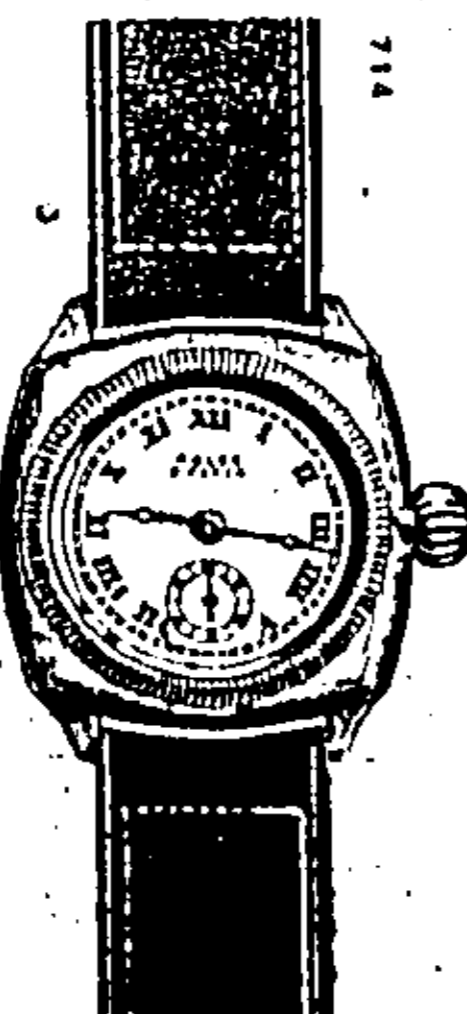


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THE HOME CRISIS.

Not for the first time since the Labour Government has been in power is a suggestion put forward for the convening of an All-Party Conference to handle an issue of outstanding importance and difficulty. On the previous occasion, it was the unemployment problem which caused Mr. Ramsay MacDonald to seek the co-operation of the other Party leaders. The Conservatives stood out, because tariffs were ruled out as a possible means of solving the difficulty. Now it is national finance and economy which is the subject of much preoccupation on the part of the Government.

Here again, the Tories appear inclined to stand on one side, taking the attitude that they ought not to be saddled with any responsibility for such measures as are deemed necessary to straighten out the present tangle. From a party political point of view, we can quite understand the Conservative reluctance. If they join hands with the Government, they become parties to any arrangement reached and are thus automatically stopped from criticising. A far better party advantage can be secured by remaining aloof and making capital out of the point that when the Labour Government is in difficulties it is wont to call on outside aid.

All well-wishers of the Old Country, however, will hope that something more than a mere wish to score tactical points will animate all parties at this juncture. The financial situation, though not absolutely alarming, is undoubtedly serious. It has been complicated and aggravated by the fact that Britain's acceptance of the Hoover moratorium plan means a loss of eleven millions sterling in the current year. When it is remembered that ordinary revenue has not been coming in as freely as was hoped, the fresh responsibility incurred on behalf of Germany will be readily seen as a serious burden. The immediate problem to be faced is the balancing of the Budget—a task which even Mr. Snowden, with all his versatility and wizardry, may find extremely difficult. Sweeping proposals

have been made by the Economy Committee, but it remains to be seen how far these are acceptable to the Government. One of the proposals is that over £66,000,000 be saved by a 20 per cent. reduction of the unemployment benefit, by increasing contributions, and by the application of a needs test to all applicants who have exhausted their insurance rights but who are still within the insurance field. Here, however, we are likely to come up against that section of the Labour Party which objects to any cutting down in social services. The alternative seems increased taxation; but that must surely hit industry, which is already overburdened with imposts, and which in consequence has had its productivity greatly reduced. Moreover, increased taxation must in the long run add to the existing unemployment. On the other hand, no party likely to be popular with the masses which ventures just now to advocate any cutting down of the social services.

Only a cursory glance at national finances is needed to show that there will have to be rigid economy if the Old Country is to retain the stability of its credit and balance its Budget. Few people realise the tremendous sum spent yearly on social services, especially on unemployment insurance. The total annual provision under this one heading comes to more than £89,000,000, which is practically half of the total normal expenditure of the nation on all services in the years immediately preceding the Great War. If we look at the whole of the nation's outgoings, we find that they have grown from £188,000,000 in 1912-13 to an estimated sum of £308,000,000 for the current year. These figures suffice to show the tremendous burdens which the nation now has to bear. We have no doubt that a way out of present difficulties will be found; Britain still has her great leaders and the will to overcome obstacles, however insuperable they may seem. But the task is a huge one, none the less.

A Mui Tsai Case.

Cases dealing with alleged infringements of the *mui tsai* laws are never particularly easy for a Magistrate to handle. The usual plea of a defendant is that the servant girl is an adopted daughter, and frequently it is distinctly difficult to ascertain the real truth. Usually, we are afraid, the Colonial Office demand for continuous effort to limit the *mui tsai* system as far as possible results in failure to give defendants the benefit of any doubt there might be. A case distinctly in point was heard before Mr. Williams at the Magistracy on Tuesday when a woman residing in Queen's Road Central was charged with harbouring an unregistered *mui tsai*. The woman contended that the girl was an adopted daughter, and even the evidence of the prosecution—that the girl was well treated, was very averse to leaving the woman and had a good home—seemed to bear this out. But a remarkable statement was made in the course of the hearing. The woman having declared her impression that as the girl was an adopted daughter there was no need for registration, the prosecution countered by stating that there was no difference between a *mui tsai* and an adopted daughter. Whether the statement had reference to peculiar circumstances in this particular case, we have no means of ascertaining, but clearly on the face of it the magistrate was misled. There is not only a difference, but a very vital difference. The law requires registration of a *mui tsai* and makes no provision for the registration of an adopted daughter. Thus, if the woman was in a position to establish her plea that the girl was an adopted daughter, she had a perfectly good defence to the charge. From the brief report of the case, it appears that this point was not investigated because of the incorrect S.C.A. assertion that it made no difference one way or the other. A fine of \$50 was imposed. It seems to us unfortunate that the woman was not legally represented.

DAY BY DAY

LEARNING, LIKE MONEY, MAY BE OF SO MANY A COIN, AS TO BE UTTERLY VOID OF USE; OR, IF STELLING, MAY REQUIRE GOOD MANAGEMENT TO MAKE IT SERVE THE PURPOSES OF SENSE OR HAPPINESS.—Shenstone.

Quarantine restrictions imposed by Hongkong against arrivals from Peking on account of plague have been removed.

The forty-fourth annual general meeting of the Hongkong Football Club will be held at the Chamber of Commerce to-morrow evening at 5.30.

A young man of 22 years, named Yan Cheung-wah, has been admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from the effects of an overdose of adrenalin. His condition is fair.

The rainfall registered at the Observatory during the 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day totalled 2.10 inches. This makes the year's total to date 52.63 inches, against an average of 58.18 inches.

Suspicion that she had committed suicide by taking a dose of lysol were indicated in a police report of the death of a married woman, Tang Ngan-ping, aged 24, of 40, Tung Street, who died whilst being removed to the Government Civil Hospital. Her body was later conveyed to the Public Mortuary.

There is no fresh news regarding the Indo-China S. N. Company's 3:30. Washing, excepting that the salvage tug Yusho Maru from Moji has gone to her assistance. It is confirmed that the vessel is badly holed and is in a somewhat precarious position, but salvage is considered possibly if the weather permits.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

At this morning's session of the Hongkong Stock Exchange the principal changes recorded were in Douglases, which were in demand after sales at \$22. Hongkong Fire was easier. Lands recovered slightly. Cements were a trifle weaker and Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels advanced appreciably. The tone of the market was fairly steady.

Banks changed hands at \$2.040. Unions had buyers at \$565, sales being reported at \$570.

Underwriters had sellers at \$6.05 without sales having to be recorded.

Cantons remained at \$1.550 nominal, as were China Fires at \$800.

As already mentioned, Hongkong Fire was easier at the nominal figure of \$1.465.

Benguet was enquired for at \$10.50, but without leading to business.

Trunks with sales reported at \$43.20 had buyers at \$41.50.

Wharves had buyers at \$163, but no shares were on offer.

Providents (old) at \$6.05 buyers and sellers asking \$6.15 were dealt in at \$6.10, and the new shares had buyers at \$2.60, sellers asking \$2.80.

Hotels (old) had buyers at the improved quotation of \$17.50, sellers asking \$18 and sales were reported at \$17.45/\$17.30. The new shares were dealt in at \$17.25, there being buyers at \$17.

Lands had buyers at \$91.50 ex div., sales taking place at \$91.75.

Humphreys (new) were dealt in at \$21.50.

Realities were disposed of at \$17.85.

Ewos receded to the buying rate of \$14.25, sellers asking \$14.40 and sales were reported at \$14.20.

Trams had a buying rate of \$21.50.

Star Ferries had a buying rate of \$93, and sales were listed at \$93.50.

I.L.K. Electrics changed hands at \$81.25.

Devy Farms with buyers at \$32.75 were dealt in at \$32.85.

Lane, Crawfords (old) had sellers at \$7.50, and the same remark applies to Constructions at \$13.30.

Cements changed hands at yesterday's rate \$20.25.

WATER LEVELS.

DETAILS FOR WEST, NORTH AND EAST RIVERS.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in English feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:

	Aug. 11	Aug. 12
West River at Shihing	18.9	20.2
North River at Samshui	5.5	7.2
North River at Tsingyuen	10.5	11.2
East River at Shiklung	2.2	2.3
The highest levels recorded are:		
Shiklung, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 20.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Shiklung, 11.5 feet.		
The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 27 feet at Shiklung.		

Seven Sins of Middle Age.

By LADY INGRAM

NOWADAYS, few people confess to middle-age.

They think of themselves as being either "still quite young"

or "getting on a bit," but this does not alter the fact that between the ages of 40 and 60 we mortals are neither old nor young but simply middle-aged.

It is a dangerous and difficult age, a time of life when much that is bad in the human character rises to the surface and it has developed its own particular set of sins.

The principal sin of middle-age is undoubtedly conceit. It is the fault we always attribute to youth, but we cannot deny that we feel ourselves to be shrewd, worldly-wise creatures, still able to enjoy life to the full, yet thoroughly capable of weighing up rights and wrongs, and infallibly correct in our judgments and decisions.

Conceit and Pretence.

We are doubly conceited, for we feel vastly superior to youth with its follies and inexperience, and also look down upon those whom we consider too old to see life with our own well-adjusted vision. In fact, we feel ourselves so delightfully placed that we are perfectly sure of ourselves and our opinions, and entirely lose sight of the fact that all this is the acme of conceit and that we may appear smug and self-complacent to young and old alike.

The absorbing present-day passion for "staying young" is responsible for the second great sin of middle-age—pretence. We sacrifice our comfort, health, dignity, and happiness in a ridiculous effort to pretend we are younger than we are or feel, and this habit of pretending has got hold of us.

We pretend to be poor when we are rich, and well off when we have not got a hairet. We pretend to be "artistic" when art means nothing to us; we feign to scorn everything that is "high-brow" when good music is the only thing we care about; we pose as doting parents when our children bore us stiff, and pretend that our offspring are beneath contempt when they mean all the world to us.

Good brains are disguised by an assumed fatuity, and the most shallow-brained among us aim at appearing "intellectuals." We may of necessity be neither fish, flesh, fowl, nor good red-herring, but why do not we let ourselves be our own middle-aged selves without all this affectation and pretence?

Selfishness is not a sin peculiar to any one particular time of life, but because life is galloping so furiously past and we are struggling to make the most of things before old age grabs us, we middle-aged folk have our own special brand of the iniquity.

"Plenty of time for the young ones," we say, forgetting that youth should have the first call on "having a good time" and middle-age should be prepared to

take a back seat. This selfishness of ours cuts both ways, for we also disregard our obligations to old people.

"Oh, I can't be bothered with old Mrs. Borum," she's as deaf as a post," or "We can't ask General Wrobley-Auld; he doesn't play contract," we say of the lonely old "has-been." But we are definitely no longer so young as we used to be ourselves, and we shall hate it when people talk like that about us!

There are two sins which are the offspring of selfishness, and both are characteristic of middle-age.

The first, jealousy, is of all sins the least satisfying, for it does not even gratify our senses, while the second, "backbiting," its twin-brother, brings us as much unhappiness in its wake as far more heinous vice.

Youth is so certain that love and admiration are its due that it cannot be seriously afflicted with jealousy for long and has little temptation to backbite and slander but when looks are beginning to fade and a horrible suspicion dawns upon us that we are not quite so good at this, that, or the other as we used to be, jealousy gets us by the throat and the urge to have a "dig" at all and sundry is more than we can resist.

A Common Sin.

Meanness is one of the most common sins of middle-age, and collecting and hoarding become so much our second nature that we rarely realise that many of our religiously guarded possessions are no use to us at all but might make all the difference to someone younger or less better off than ourselves. Many a middle-aged woman's jewel-box is littered with trinkets she has discarded while rows of shoes, now too tight, repose in middle-aged masculine wardrobes. Why are they kept?

Meanness may be a provision of nature against old age, but it grows on one and stinginess warps the mind. To become a hoarder of bits of string and half-sheets of notepaper "dates" far more cruelly than grey hairs.

Talk, Talk, Talk.

The last sin on my list is "talking," and oh! how we middle-aged folk do talk! Youth is supposed to lack self-restraint, but our lack of control when talking is concerned has any other age beaten to a frazzle!

"What tripe older people talk," says modern youth, which is rude, no doubt, but what do we, in our turn, say of the old folk who gabble on and on till they bore us to exasperation?

This is the principal fault we have to digest! We have outgrown the sins of youth; we can, perhaps, afford to look down on youthful follies with a smile, but for the love of Heaven let the smile be tender! And for the good of our souls let us remember that our own middle-aged sins will wax ever mightier if left to their own devices.



"He hasn't sent me any pictures since he shaved his moustache, so I don't know whether I'm still in love with him or not."

SEVEN BANKS
APPEAL.THE RUSSO-ASIATIC
LIQUIDATION.

SHANGHAI CLAIMS.

Another legal contest as to the disposition of the surplus money available in the liquidation of the Hongkong branch of the Russo-Asiatic Bank, in which Shanghai creditors are making a bid for a preferential share, is due to come before the Full Court of Appeal at eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

The appeal is against a judgment delivered by the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) in Chambers on May 8, this year, the appellants being Bank of China, Bank of India, Mercantile Bank of India, Australia and China, Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Sumitomo Bank, Italian Bank for China, S. Matsumoto, Tse Fung-yung, Yue Fuh, U. N. Kong and J. L. de Zutter, all of Shanghai. They will be represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Messrs. Deacons.

The respondent is the Official Receiver and Liquidator (Mr. E. L. Agassiz), for whom Mr. F. C. Jenkin will appear instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master.

Mr. Sheldon will ask for an order that the above-named Shanghai creditors of the Hongkong Russo-Asiatic Bank are entitled to preferential payment out of the Hongkong liquidation assets as against other creditors or for any other such order in the premises as the Court might think just. Costs are also asked for.

This morning, Mr. Sheldon pointed out that, yesterday, it had been decided to continue with the appeal immediately on the conclusion of the Sze Yap case. A cable, however, had been received from Mr. Yavdinsky, legal adviser to the Shanghai Chinese liquidators of the bank, asking if the case could be put over until to-morrow. The reason was that he was coming to Hongkong to attend the hearing of the case but, owing to unforeseen circumstances, had been unable to catch the boat which would have landed him here in time for today's hearing. He would, however, arrive at daylight to-morrow. Counsel added that it was a matter of the indulgence of the Court.

Replying to the President (Sir Peter Grafton), Mr. Sheldon said the appeal would be a very short one and he (counsel) would only take a few minutes.

Mr. Jenkin said he had received instructions from the Official Receiver most strongly to oppose an adjournment, even until to-morrow morning. It was, however, for their Lordships to say whether the adjournment should be given or not.

Their Lordship decided to put the appeal over until eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANGER TO LONDON'S
WATER SUPPLY.UNDERGROUND RESERVOIR
BEING EMPTIED.

The great natural underground reservoir from which a considerable portion of London's water supply is drawn is in danger, according to Mr. James Romanes, a Fellow of the Geological Society, in an article in the current issue of the *Chamber of Commerce Journal*.

The two major water problems of London and the Thames Valley, he writes, are the periodic flooding of the lower Thames Valley, which, being spectacular, is receiving close attention; and the falling water table in the chalk of the London basin, which, being more like a slow disease, is left severely alone.

"We are using all the most modern methods to abstract the maximum yield of water from the London basin," he adds, "while, on the other hand, modern drainage, by ensuring a quick run-off, is preventing the adequate replenishment of that underground supply."

Water is now being taken from the basin at a greater rate than the incoming supplies; and the "water table," Mr. Romanes declares, is falling by four feet a year in some places.

The only remedy, in his opinion, is to restore the balance by diverting flood water into the basin, after filtration, by means of shafts bored down to the chalk.

An official of the Metropolitan Water Board, whose attention was drawn to the article, informed a representative of the *Morning Post* that while it was true that for new wells in London deeper borings had to be made, the wells of the Board had been little affected, as they were far from the centre of London.

"The yield of wells also varies according to the winter rainfall," he added.

"HISTORIC" PAGEANT AT BRADFORD.



Bradford had a mixture of history during its recent pageant. Our photo shows Roman chariots passing through the main street of the Yorkshire town, headed by knights in armour.

OBSTRUCTING THE
POLICE.SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER
SENTENCED.

SIX WEEKS IN PRISON.

A man's suspicious behaviour in Argyll Street on Tuesday evening attracted the attention of a constable who was on duty at the time, and led to his being charged before Mr. Fraser, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, with being in unlawful possession of a chisel. A further charge of obstructing Police (Constable D-262 in the execution of his duty) was preferred against the defendant.

Giving evidence, P. C. D-262 said when he was on duty in Argyll Street, he saw the defendant who was behaving in a suspicious manner. When the defendant saw witness, he walked away very quickly and, on being searched, a chisel was found tied to his thigh.

Witness alleged that defendant attempted to snatch the chisel and also struck him. In the struggle, witness' tunic was torn, and he had to call for assistance before the defendant could be taken to the Mongkok Police Station.

This evidence was corroborated by another constable who was also on duty at the time at Argyll Street.

Inspector Fallon, who prosecuted, said the police suspected the defendant of attempting to steal articles from a station of the China Light and Power Company.

Giving his calling as a marine hawker, defendant denied any intention of committing a felony. He had been warned that he was not allowed to carry iron instruments about, and that was the reason why he carried the chisel fastened to his thigh. He said he was using the chisel to dig herbs for a friend who had hurt his side.

Questioned by his Worship, defendant said he had dropped the herbs he had dug up in Mongkok just before he was accosted by the constable. He denied having assaulted the constable and alleged that he was the assaulted party.

His Worship found the defendant guilty on both charges. He thought the reason why defendant carried the chisel in that manner was that he did not want it known he had it. He believed defendant had it for an unlawful purpose, but what that purpose was, his Worship said, he did not know.

Defendant was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour on each charge.

AID FOR GERMANY.

SHORT-TERM CREDIT OF
£125,000,000.

London, Aug. 12. A basic message stated that preliminary conversations have taken place between the bankers' representatives and the Committee of Experts set up by the International Bank with a view to the signature, on Friday, of the Protocol which would stabilise for three months a short-term credit to Germany of about £125,000,000. —*British Wireless.*

APPEAL HEARING
CONCLUDES.FULL COURT RESERVES
JUDGMENT.

FINAL POINTS.

The Sze Yap S. S. Company's appeal to the Full Court concluded this morning, when their Lordships reserved judgment.

In his final address for appellants, Mr. Jenkin said there was no warrant for the rejection of the evidence of witnesses for the defence, when they said it was agreed at the meeting that two resolutions only, chartering and dividend, should be voted upon. In contrast to that, plaintiff's evidence was to the effect that nothing was voted upon.

Counsel read extracts from the defence evidence in which it was stated that the chairman put it to the meeting that only the two resolutions should be considered and this was agreed to without dissent. After this had been done the chairman asked if there was any other business, and none being forthcoming, he closed the meeting. Counsel submitted that that evidence should be accepted.

Mr. Jenkin urged on their Lordships a point which he said he had made in his opening, and which was distinctive. It was that had a majority been in favour of passing the eight resolutions at the meeting they could have forced their will on the meeting somehow. In fact, however, there could not have been a majority because, when the chairman closed the first meeting, 75 per cent. of those present left, and the second meeting was only attended by about 25 per cent.

HOOVER PLAN IN
FIGURES.

WHAT FRANCE GAINS.

Two main modifications have been introduced into the original Hoover moratorium plan as a result of the fortnight's negotiations between France and America. They are as follows:

1. France has obtained the recognition that the unconditional annuities under the Young Plan are to be exempt in principle from the operation of the moratorium.

2. France has obtained cash concessions whereby the sacrifice of £16,100,000 which would have been imposed upon her under Mr. Hoover's original plan has been converted into a profit of £6,300,000 under the final settlement.

In order to explain how the second result has been achieved, it may be well to set forth the French receipts and payments which have been suspended under the original plan. These have been estimated as follows:

Receipts.	
German Reparations	£39,300,000
Allied War Debts	200,000
Total	£39,700,000
Payments.	
To Great Britain	£13,300,000
To U.S.A.	10,700,000
Balance	15,700,000

Total £39,700,000

It is the balance of £16,100,000 which France would have sacrificed if she had accepted the Hoover Plan unconditionally as Great Britain and other countries concerned have done. Under the present Franco-American settlement, however, France receives back the unconditional annuity due to her from Germany during the year of suspension in instalments, payable over twelve years, together with interest. Whilst, therefore, she will pay nothing to Great Britain during that year, she will receive back intact the German annuity amounting to £22,400,000. Had there been no Hoover Plan, she would have had a surplus of £16,100,000; under the present settlement she will have a surplus of £22,400,000, and thus realise a profit of £6,300,000.

France has therefore made what from her point of view is an excellent bargain.

SINKING BARGE THRILL.

HOLIDAYMAKERS TO THE
RESCUE.

London, July 9. Thirty holiday-makers on the motor-boat New Skylark, of Ramsgate, had a thrilling trip during a squall off the Goodwins last evening, when they took in tow a sinking sailing barge and brought it into Ramsgate.

The barge Trilby, of Rochester—sprung a leak and got into difficulties. The master of the motor-boat saw the barge's plight and went to its aid. Passengers on the motor-boat assisted in making fast a tow rope, but before the vessels could move two men had to be put aboard the barge to work her pumps.

Those on the barge told of a desperate struggle during the squall and how the mate, Mr. Victor Whorlow, of Whitstable, was washed

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The Bells of St. Mulo (Rimmer).
Semper Fidelis March (Souza).
The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards. B2647.
Chal Romano Overture (Kettley).
The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards. B2508.

6.28-6.49 p.m. Organ Solos.
Poem (Fibich).
An Autumn Serenade (Bece).
Reginald Foort. B2388.
Schon Rosmarin (Kreiser).
A Brown Bird Singing (Haydn Wood).

Reginald Foort. B2664.
Valse Mysterieuse (Meale).
Souvenir di Valentina (Wood).
Arthur Meale. B3060.

7.00 p.m. Stock Quotations, Mail Notice, etc.
6.49-7.29 p.m. Variety.
Song-So Tired.
Song-Out in the New Mown Hay.
Ann Penn (Comedienne). B2663.
Orchestral-You're Just a Lover.
Orchestral-Two Little, Blue Little Eyes.
Rudy Vallee and His Connecticut Yankees. B2679.

Song-Now You're in my Arms.
Song-If You Should Ever Need Me.
Gene Austin (Tenor). B2687.
Orchestral-Maria, My Own.
Orchestral-Siboney.
Alfredo Brito and Siboney Orchestra. B2686.

Song-By the River Sainte Marie.
Song-Beautiful Love.
Lewis James (Tenor). B2686.

7.29-8.00 p.m. Pianoforte Solos.
Etudes, Op. 10 (Chopin).
Played by Wilhelm Bachus. M-43.
8.00 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.00-10.30 p.m. Chinese Studio Concert.
10.30 p.m. Rugby Mid-day Press News.
10.33 p.m. Close Down.

WOMEN BITTEN BY
A MONKEY.PET CHASED OVER GARDEN
WALLS.

London, July 9. A pet monkey ("Beppo," also called "Horace") which has for years been the playmate of children in Tottenham, yesterday felt the pull of the jungle.

It ran riot, and in its back-to-nature orgy, did these things—Escaped from its home. Climbed over garden walls. Caused terror in the gardens. Bit three women. Tore a doll to pieces. Spoiled flower-beds. Tore up clothes on clothes-lines.

The women were taken in an ambulance to the Prince of Wales Hospital, Tottenham, to have their wounds stitched and treated.

Those bitten are: Mrs. Eileen Nowley, aged 25; her mother-in-law, Mrs. Isabella Nowley, aged 60; and their next door neighbour, Mrs. Ellen Mole, aged 46—all of Thackeray-avenue.

Mrs. Eileen Nowley told the *News-Chronicle* yesterday: "My five-weeks-old baby girl was in its pram in the garden when I was in the kitchen. I felt something jump at the back of me, and gash the back of my ankle.

"I screamed and saw the monkey. I thought it was going to jump on the baby, and I followed.

"My mother-in-law heard me scream, and followed too. The monkey looked as if it was getting ready to spring on the baby, and my mother-in-law tried to frighten it away.

Bit Through Gloves.

"It jumped on the top of our out-house, and, as my mother-in-law turned to run into the house, and shut the door after me and baby, it sprang down and bit her above the ankle.

"They monkey jumped into the next garden, that" of Mrs. Mole, who came out on hearing me scream. As she dashed back through her door the monkey bit her heel, and caused her to fall and injure her hip.

"After leaving our place the monkey went along other gardens, frightening more women. In one garden he jumped into a child's pram, and tore a large doll to pieces."

Mr. Davis, father of the monkey's owner, put on a pair of motor-gloves and tried to capture the animal. It bit through his gloves before he secured it.

ed overboard and rescued by ropes thrown to him by the skipper.

The two vessels reached Ramsgate after a slow and choppy passage, and it was then found that the Trilby was flooded forward and that the cabin was under water.

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LAWN BOWLS.

RECREIO TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

The following will represent the Club de Recreio in their bowls match on Saturday:

1st Team versus Police Recreation Club at P.R.C. Green at 3.30 p.m.—A. S. Gomes, R. R. Roberts, L. G. R. Souza, R. F. Luz (skip); Dr. R. A. C. Basto, C. A. L. Lopes, A. C. V. Ribeiro, C. G. Silva (skip); C. H. A. H. Basto, C. E. Marques, L. A. Gutierrez (skip).

2nd team versus Civil Service Cricket Club at C. de Rec. at 3.30 p.m.—E. L. Barros, J. M. S. Rosario, A. E. S. Alves, J. G. Ozorio (skip); F. A. Xavier, J. M. M. Alves, J. J. Basto, F. V. Ribeiro (skip); L. F. Xavier, F. A. Machado, H. Rozario, R. X. M. Silva (skip).

Commodore's Cup Match.

Last night on the Craigengower Green, witnessed the opening of the competition, among the Staff of the Naval Yard, for the Commodore's Cup. This competition was inaugurated by Commodore Penrose, R.N., who presented a cup to be played for annually by teams formed from the various Departments of the Naval Yard.

Yesterday's game was between the Engineering and Electrical Departments, and resulted in an easy win for the former. These two teams were the finalists in last year's competition which the Engineering Department won by seven shots, and last night's result created no little surprise, as the sides comprised players from the Bowls League teams and were considered to be somewhat equal, and a very tight game was anticipated.

Among the many interested spectators of the match were Engineer Captain H. B. Sears, D.S.O., R.N., Chief Engineer of the Naval Yard, and Mrs. Sears. Scores:

LEAGUE TENNIS.

I.R.C. WIN MIXED DOUBLES SHIELD.

Rain, which fell late in the afternoon, spoilt yesterday's league tennis programme, only three matches reaching a definite decision. Others were abandoned half-way through, and will be replayed.

The results were:

"B" Division.
K.C.C. v. M.B.K. abandoned owing to rain.

"C" Division.
Y.M.C.A. v. Craigengower 3-1.

K.C.C. v. A.T.C. abandoned owing to rain.

Mixed Doubles.
H.K.U.T.C. 2 K.C.C. 7.
U.S.R.C. 0 I.R.C. 6.
C.R.C. v. Club de Recreio abandoned owing to rain.

THEIR SEVENTH WIN.

Y.M.C.A. Take Points From Craigengower.

After their two recent defeats, the Y.M.C.A. returned to winning form yesterday, defeating the Craigengower C.C. by six sets to three. Scores: S. Gray and G. Panchen (Y.M.C.A.) beat H. J. Howard and E. S. Howard 6-4; beat G. Kelly and Y. C. Mok 6-0; beat V. Sousa and F. Broadbridge 6-4.

F. Ferguson and J. Wilson (Y.M.C.A.) lost to Howard and Howard 3-6; beat Kelly and Mok 6-3; lost to Sousa and Broadbridge 3-6.

T. J. Price and A. White (Y.M.C.A.) lost to Howard and Howard 4-6; beat Kelly and Mok 6-1; beat Sousa and Broadbridge 6-3.

MIXED DOUBLES.

Indian Recreation Club Win Championship.

By defeating the United Services in a rain-restricted match by six clear sets, the Indian Recreation Club

ATLANTIC FARES.

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST REDUCTION.

Paris, July 8.
A British proposal to reduce first-class Transatlantic fares by 20 per cent. was discussed at the North Atlantic Shipping Conference, which opened in Paris to-day.

The suggestion met, it is understood, with some opposition from the German side, it being claimed that such reductions might have the effect of decreasing revenues without appreciably augmenting the number of passengers.

Many companies, however, hold that lower rates would stimulate travel on the larger and faster boats, which have been neglected to some extent recently.

A proposal to check wasteful competition by pooling returns, for distribution subsequently on the basis of the previous year's earnings of each company, will also be brought forward.

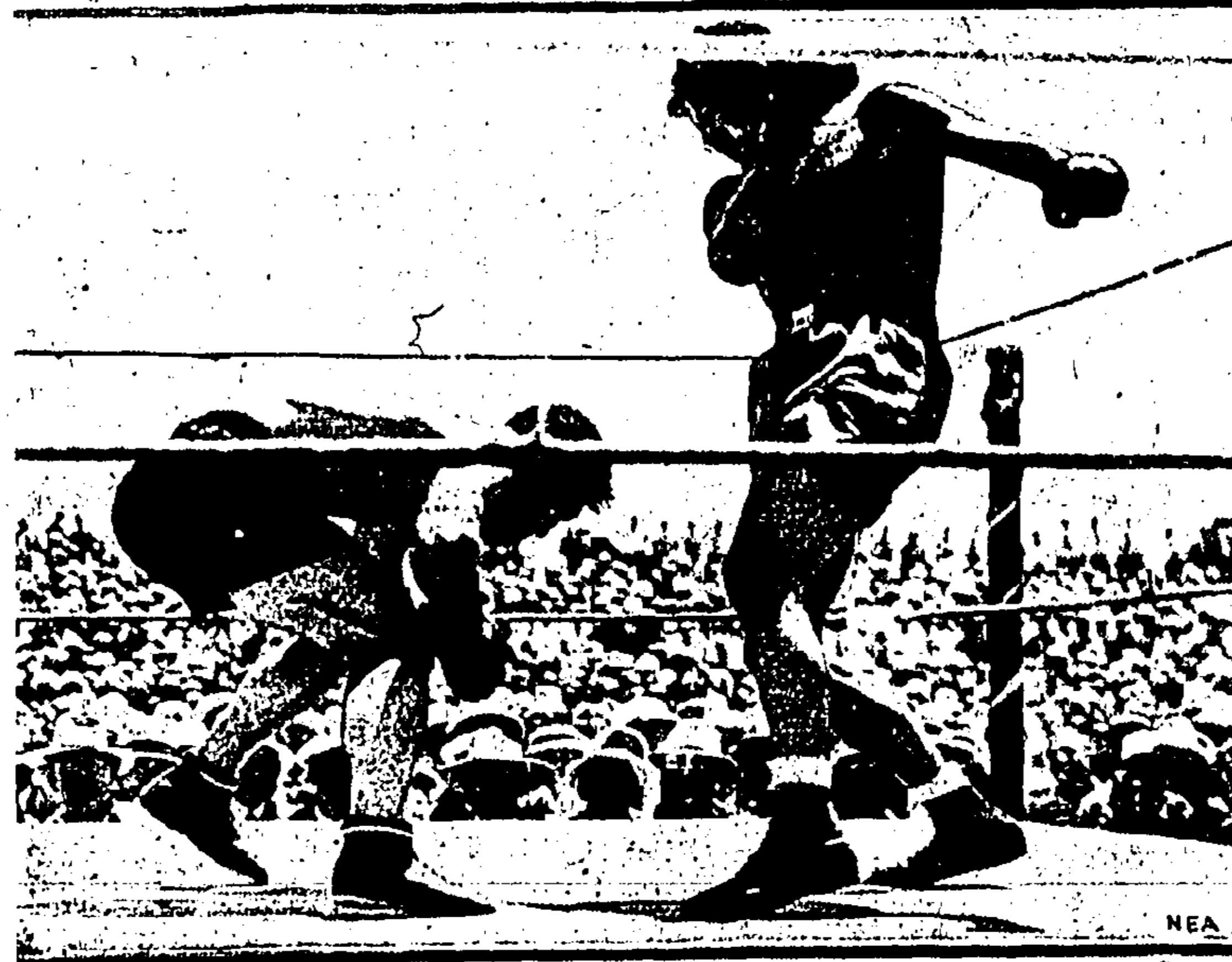
RAILWAY LOSSES.

20,000,000 FEWER PASSENGER JOURNEYS LAST YEAR.

The railway returns for 1930, issued by the Ministry of Transport, show decreases in every form of traffic.

The gross receipts amounted to £184,836,382, compared with £195,409,523 in 1929.

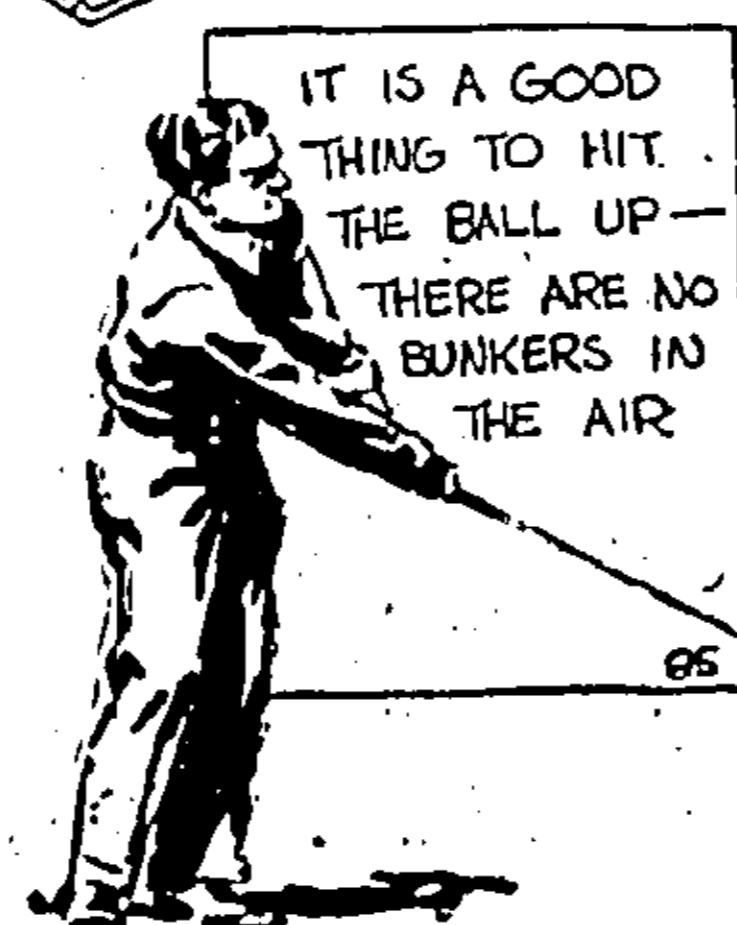
Expenditure on railway working decreased from £161,311,466 in 1929 to £147,595,684. The chief reductions occurred in maintenance of ways and works and rolling stock, locomotive running expenses, and traffic expenses. The



Max Baer and Paulino Uzcudun fighting at Reno. In this photo Paulino is successfully evading a right cross essayed by Baer in the sixth stanza.

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B. A. Trotter S. Alderman
E. W. L. Hogbin A. H. Oswick
J. Hollidge W. Gill
(skip) 48 (skip)

GOLF as the STARS play it



Which is the safer to play, a pitch or a run-up shot?

Because the run-up shot is easier to execute than a properly pitched pitch, ordinary players are content to send the ball along the ground. A shot that travels along the ground can either fall short or overrun its objective due to a slow or fast green. On the other hand a golfer who plays a pitch shot has no need to worry about traps, worm casts and unevenness of the ground.

An old Scotsman once said, "Aye! It's a guld thing tae hit the ba' up. There's nae bunkers in the air."—ART KRENZ.

yesterday retained the Dunlop Shield in the Mixed Doubles competition. Scores:

Col. Robinson and Mrs. Keary (U.S.R.C.) lost to S. A. Rumjahn and Mrs. Donnell 4-6.

Capt. Moir and Mrs. Locker (U.S.R.C.) lost to C. A. L. Rumjahn and Miss Geeks 4-6; lost to S. A. Rumjahn and Mrs. Donnell 4-6.

Col. Skinner and Mrs. Dook (U.S.R.C.) lost to C. A. L. Rumjahn and Miss Geeks 4-6; lost to H. D. Rumjahn and Miss Rumjahn 4-6.

University v. K. C. C.
Playing at Pokfulam yesterday, the Kowloon Cricket Club defeated the University in the Mixed Doubles by seven sets to two. Rain interrupted the game for a few minutes, but the match was resumed after a short delay. The final scores were:

Miss H. Yuen and Y. F. Chew (University) lost to Miss O. Dalziel and E. C. Fincher 4-6; lost to Miss D. Dalziel and E. F. Fincher 3-6; lost to Mrs. Kew and A. E. Guest 1-6.

Miss W. F. Kwok and T. K. Lien (University) lost to Miss Dalziel and Fincher 2-6; lost to Miss Dalziel and Fincher 2-6; lost to Mrs. Kew and Guest 3-6.

Miss R. Perry and F. F. Khoo (University) beat Miss Dalziel and Fincher 6-4; beat Miss Dalziel and Fincher 6-2; lost to Mrs. Kew and Guest 2-6.

At Sookunpo on Tuesday, the Army Tennis Club ran the Club de Recreio to the odd set in a "B" Division match. Scores:

Col. Robinson and Capt. Etherington (A. T. C.) beat Souza and Remedios 6-2; beat Barreto and Remedios 6-4; beat Barros and Yvanovich 6-3.

Col. Skinner and Col. Lecky (A.T.C.) lost to Souza and Remedios 2-6; lost to Barreto and Remedios 5-7; lost to Barros and Yvanovich 2-6.

S. M. Ashman and S. M. Mitchell (A.T.C.) lost to Souza and Remedios 4-6; lost to Barreto and Remedios 4-6; beat Barros and Yvanovich 6-3.

operating ratio rose to 79.85 per cent. compared with 77.43 per cent. in 1929.

The total number of passenger journeys (including season ticket holders on the basis of 600 journeys per annual ticket) was 1,694,704,300, a decrease of 20,049,432 or 1.18 per cent., compared with 1929.

Receipts from passengers decreased by £3,225,370, or 1.57 per cent.

The total tonnage of goods and minerals (excluding companies' free-hauled traffic) conveyed on all railways was 304,361,107 tons, compared with 329,678,743 tons in 1929.

Both the passenger and goods road vehicles operated by the four amalgamated railway companies showed substantial increases in traffic.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	123.95	123.95
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Shanghai	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
New York	4.85 13/16	4.85 13/16
Amsterdam	12.05	12.04 1/2
Stockholm	18.10 1/2	18.10 1/2
Vienna	34.55	34.55
Madrid	55.45	55.45
Bucharest	817	817
Montevideo	11 1/2	11 1/2
Hongkong	34.87 1/2	34.88
Brussels	92.85	92.85
Milan	18.10 1/2	18.10 1/2
Copenhagen	103 1/2	104
Prague	110 1/2	110 1/2
Lisbon	3.67 1/2	3.67 1/2
Bombay	1/8 1/2	1/8 1/2
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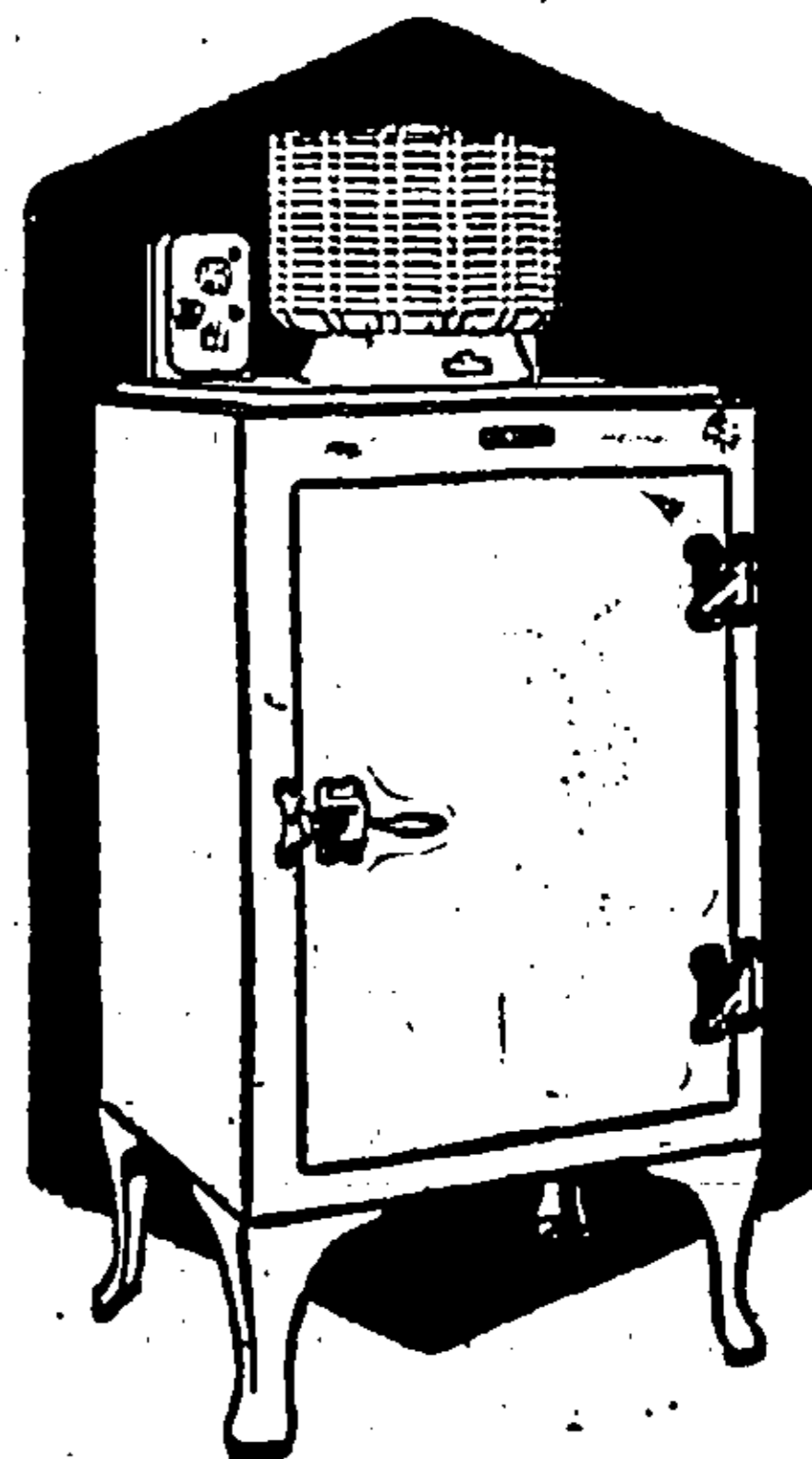
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CHINESE MEDICINE SEIZED.

PERUVIAN ACTION CAUSES RESENTMENT.

The seizure by the Peruvian Government of a large consignment of Chinese medicine worth \$17,000, owned by a local Chinese firm—Messrs. Tung Cheong Shing—and a subsequent protest through the Chinese Consular authorities in Peru, formed the subject of a discussion at the monthly meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce held yesterday afternoon, when the Chairman, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, informed the meeting that a protest had been lodged with the Chamber by the firm concerned.

The complaining firm stated that the consignment was sent to Peru but whilst on its way the Peruvian Government enforced a new law prohibiting the landing of Chinese medicine. The prohibition, therefore, was entirely unforeseen by the firm. A protest through the Chinese Consular officials for the cargo's release was not successful and the local firm, being a member of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, had suggested that the Chamber should write to the Central Government at Nanking asking the Foreign Ministry to communicate with the Peruvian Government.

After lengthy deliberation, the Chamber decided that the question should be brought to the attention of the Hongkong authorities and the Peruvian Consular officials here.

VERDICT OF SUICIDE.

FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL FOUND HANGING.

Sitting in an inquest at the Central Magistracy yesterday, the jury could find no reason why Lam Mei, aged 14 years, should have committed suicide at 33, Centre Street on July 26. They returned a simple verdict to that effect. Mr. Schofield was coroner and the jury comprised: Messrs. S. F. de Pinna, E. E. Edmund and Lam Kai-chi.

Ho Tung-hee, principal tenant of the premises, who discovered the body, said she was attracted by the electric light burning and, looking into a cubicle, saw the shadow of the girl hanging from a beam in the roof, behind a bed curtain. Lam Mei, the girl's father could advance no reason why she should have taken her life. She seemed happy and contented, he said, and there was no trouble between her and her stepmother.

According to Dr. Greaves, who examined the body, there was a mark around the neck that could have been made by a ligature. Death was due to asphyxia.

CHINESE CHAMBER'S REGULATIONS.

REVISION SUGGESTED BY MR. WONG KWONG-TIN.

A suggestion for a revision of the regulations governing the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce was put forward at the monthly meeting yesterday afternoon by the new Chairman, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, who was supported by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Ho Leung and the Secretary, Mr. Lee Wan-kun.

Mr. Wong said that the regulations drawn up many years ago were found to be out of date and, in suggesting their revision, he was sure it would meet with the unanimous approval of members.

Mr. Wong explained that he intended to elect a sub-committee which would be entrusted with the work of drafting a new set of regulations which would be printed and distributed to all members for final consideration. Possibly the members would like to make certain suggestions and the new regulations would be formally adopted at a full meeting. Mr. Chan Heung-pak stated that he quite agreed with the Chairman's suggestion, as he also believed that both the wording and the scope of the regulations needed early revision, but he pointed out that the Chairman's proposal of revision was not on the agenda of the meeting and, according to the general rules, the Chairman had to find another occasion for his suggestion.

After some deliberation, the meeting decided to let the question stand over until the next meeting.



A new picture of Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon, whose plane has been seized by the Japanese Government, while their movements are restricted.

MAN JUMPS BAIL.

CANTON STUDENT ROBBED OF HIS WALLET.

There was a further development when the case in which a man named Wong Kai-sung is charged with stealing a wallet from the hip-pocket of a Canton student, Wallace Wong, at the Star Ferry Wharf on Sunday last was brought up again before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy, yesterday afternoon.

Sub-Inspector Elston, who prosecuted, said that the defendant, who was on bail of \$500, had not turned up in Court and the information he had received pointed to his having absconded. He therefore applied for a warrant for the arrest of the defendant.

Mr. M. A. da Silva, who appeared for the defendant at the last hearing, said he had received no further instructions from his client, and could not say where he was.

His Worship accordingly estreated the bail of \$500, and issued a warrant for the accused's arrest.

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REVOLT IN CUBA.

BOTH SIDES MAKE CLAIM TO SUCCESSES.

Havana, Aug. 12.—Both the Government forces and the rebels claim victories in clashes in the interior.

Particulars state that in an engagement in the province of Pinar del Rio, General Francisco Lora, the rebel leader, and fourteen adherents, were killed, and nineteen wounded.

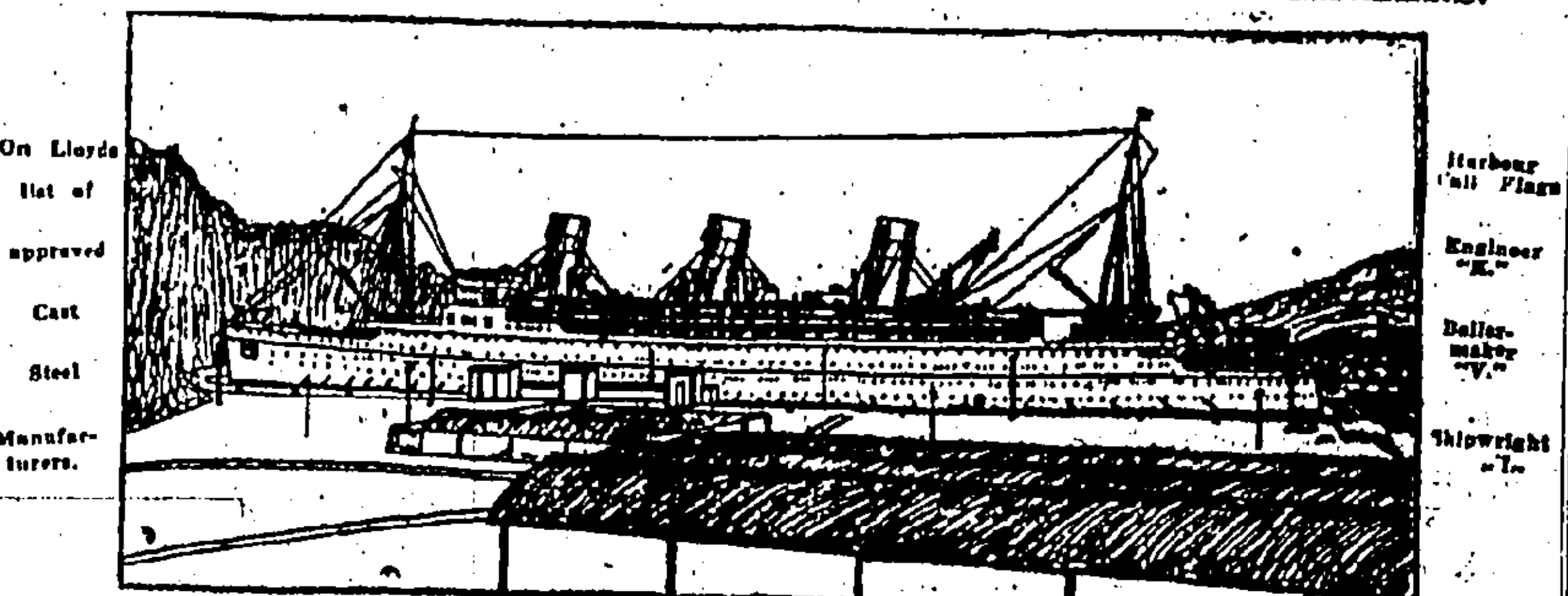
On the contrary, it is also reported that 300 rebels raided the city of Santa Clara and killed 30 and wounded 25 of the Federalists before retiring. *Reuter's American Service.*

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CATHAY	15,000	12th Sept.	Bombay, M'les & L'don
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"NANKIN"	7,000	27th Aug.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
TAKADA	7,000	27th Aug.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KALYAN	9,000	28th Aug.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	31st Aug.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MANTUA	10,946	11th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHMIR	8,985	25th Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NALDERA	16,088	10th Oct.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
MACEDONIA	11,120	24th Oct.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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DESTRUCTION OF U.S. COTTON.

Washington, Aug. 12.
The destruction of one-third of
the present cotton crop has been
suggested by the Federal Farm
Board to the Governor of four-
teen cotton-producing States.
If the States concur, the
Government will withhold from
the market for another year,
its present holdings of cotton.
—*Reuter's American Service.*
The scheme will mean a reduc-
tion in the total supply of cotton
by at least 4,000,000 bales and the
withholding from this year's
market of 3,000,000 bales more.
It will become effective if the
ten largest production States ac-
cept it.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD RECOVERY.

London, Aug. 12.
Mr. Lloyd George has made an
exceptionally good recovery from
his illness and operation, and it is
hoped to move him into the coun-
try within a fortnight.
No further bulletins regarding
the Liberal leader are to be issued.
—*Reuter.*

SILVER FUTURES.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Pentreath and Co. have
been advised by cable of the fol-
lowing quotations for New York
silver futures as at the close of
the market yesterday:
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December 1931 27.60 up .10
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AGED MAN FOUND INJURED.

PROBABLY RUN OVER BY CAR.

Mr. C. S. Rossett, Secretary of
the Hongkong Amusements, Ltd.,
was proceeding up Stubbs Road,
near Shui Fai Terrace, yesterday,
when he found an aged coolie lying
injured in the middle of the road.
The man was suffering from in-
juries to his head and a fracture
of the right arm.
The police from No. 2 Station
were called to the scene, and the

CHILE CONTEMPLATING DEFAULT.

SUSPENDING DEBT INTEREST.

New York, Aug. 12.
Messages from Santiago de
Chile reveal that a recommenda-
tion has been made by the
Chilean Cabinet to Congress
that the partial moratorium pro-
claimed in the middle of July to
protect the gold exchange stan-
dard, should be completed by
the suspension of the service on
foreign loans.
The Cabinet recommends, in
view of the shortage of funds, a
discontinuance of the payment of
interest on foreign debts amount-
ing to thirteen million dollars for
the balance of the present year.
The Cabinet also suggests a sus-
pension of payment of the interest
on the internal debt and on short-
term notes.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DEATH OF CAPT. A. J. SCOTT.

WELL-KNOWN ON CHINA COAST.

The many friends whom the late
Captain Alfred James Scott had
made in Hongkong during his 25
years of service on the China Coast,
were deeply shocked by the news
of his death at Dundee, which
reached here by cable yesterday. As
he left the Colony only three years
ago, there are still many people
here who remember the genial and
cheery Scotsman who was one of
the most popular of the masters
sailing on the China Navigation
Company's fleet.

As a young man, the late Capt.
Scott came to Hongkong in 1903
and joined the China Navigation
Co., serving as a junior officer. He
was attached to several vessels be-
fore he was ultimately appointed
master of the *Kalgan* in 1915.
Capt. Scott was perhaps best
known in command of that vessel,
and for many years travelled be-
tween the Colony and Bangkok. He
also saw service on the *Kwangtung*
when he retired on pension after
25 years' association with the Com-
pany. He returned to his family
at Dundee, and when last heard of
was in the best of health.

man was removed to the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital, where he was
later identified as So Kun, aged
70 years.
The coolie was unable to say
how he had come by his injuries,
but it is presumed that he was
knocked down by a motor-car.

BRITISH TRADE FAIR.

PROMISE OF A BIG SUCCESS.

London, Aug. 12.
A great publicity campaign in
connexion with the British Indus-
tries Fair, to be held next
February in London and Birming-
ham, is about to be launched.
The organisers are very pleased
at the fact that, despite the trade
depression, 220,000 square feet
out of 300,000 available at
Olympia have already been
booked.
At White City, where the entire
British Textile Industry will be
represented, the exhibits will
cover some 100,000 square feet,
while in Birmingham heavy indus-
tries will cover 250,000 square
feet.
In London, the furniture section
is already 25% larger than at the
last Fair, and the toys and games
section also is increasing.—
British Wireless.

CABINET & ECONOMY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

than Mr. Snowden's conversion
scheme.

In regard to the latter, the re-
ported split within the Cabinet and
the openly professed grasping views
of many stalwarts among the
Government supporters, have given
birth to the bogey of compulsory
conversion and though the idea is
laughed out of court in responsible
circles, there is many a rentier rest-
ing on an uneasy pillow.

The rumour was sufficiently
striking in the City yesterday to
depress British Funds. The
Five Per Cent. War Loan was
especially affected, declining to
the lowest point for several
years.

Sanctity of Contracts.

It is the general view that the
Government can hardly launch a
scheme for voluntary conversion
without a cut-and-dried programme
of economy, and that compulsory
conversion, apart from damaging
Britain's reputation for maintain-
ing the sanctity of contracts, would
be manifestly unfair to native hold-
ers of bonds, whose interests would
be whittled down while foreign
holders would continue to fatten on
five per cent. interest.

The banks and the big insurance
companies, who have promised the
Government their hearty co-opera-
tion, can safely be trusted to insist
upon the proper course. Their in-
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